



# Steely band disturbs the sleep of the wary

ABIDING in the mind after Brighton this week will be the memory of steel: steel railings everywhere, steel in the Prime Minister's smile, steel in Labour's grip, steel in the eyes of the evangelists of "new politics" as they pump your hand and scrutinise your security pass.

Long before you arrive the steel security fences start. To these the party has pinned two posters in equal numbers. One red on a white background, declares "New Labour New Britain". The other is white on a red background. It says "New Labour New Britain". On the approach to the promenade this message is repeated 81 times.

At the seafront you turn to confront the security zone

itself. This is guarded against attack from the ocean by more steel. Upon it appears the message "New Labour New Britain", 215 times.

In the middle stands the conference centre. Its facade is decked, to the left, by a huge banner hanging vertically. It bears the message "New Labour New Britain". To the right hangs another banner. It says the same. Between the vertical banners is a horizontal one: "Brighton & Hove welcome New Labour" — an audacious departure from the standard text which, it is to be hoped, will not confuse delegates. From the beach comes the lament of a trombone solo played by a man complaining about sick pay. Few notice.

To enter the hall you must

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CONFERENCE SKETCH

first enter a long tunnel. In this the visitor passes the message "New Labour New Britain" 42 more times. Frisked at a security check, visitors can read "New Labour New Britain" four times more on the walls above the X-ray machines. In the final section of tunnel the thought "New Labour New Britain" appears seven times, and "Group 4 — Have you got your pass?" once.

I joined delegates crowding in to hear John Prescott introduce a video of Tony Blair on a walkabout. Tony Blair in a helicopter, in a coach, at a school, in a car, in a field and

small reserved area behind me most seemed black or brown.

"Gosh," I thought, but without surprise, "they've put the coloured people in a separate pen, away from the cameras." In fact, this was the international visitors' section. Outside, beyond the steel, one could hear the wailing of dissident demonstrators borne on the wind, but very faint.

Robin Cook showed delegates a video of Tony Blair on a walkabout. Tony Blair in a helicopter, in a coach, at a school, in a car, in a field and

hugging some children, all to the accompaniment of happy music.

John Prescott introduced a woman who showed slides to assist delegates' understanding. There were graphics of three stick-figure men, the third engulfed in light and bearing the logo "new", to illustrate Labour's new support. Near the end of her show came a slide saying "1997: Labour's Best Election Ever"; then another saying "Thank You". Wisely, the final slide did not say "Now Go Away". Best not to spell it out.

Later, Gordon Brown spoke with authority, and the pallor of the undead. Were one to glance down and notice that a junior minister had talons where fingernails

should be, it would hardly seem worth mentioning.

I had woken in the night in my conference hotel, disturbed by the deep bark of a big dog somewhere outside in the dark where guards patrol: then by the sound of a crowd being dragged across asphalt.

Then a scream, twice repeated. Then silence. A detainee, suspected of modern thoughts, under interrogation by Mr Mandelson's mind-police? Or just a seagull on the early tide? Strange thoughts crowd the brain at this surreal celebration with something acidic in the air. Beneath the applause there is a grinding of teeth.

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# New evidence underlines CJD link with beef

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

COMPELLING evidence that BSE can be transmitted to humans has been found by scientists. The results confirm that 21 people who contracted a new form of the brain disease CJD almost certainly did so from eating infected beef.

By dispelling remaining uncertainties about the link, the findings seem certain to boost calls made by victims' families for a full judicial inquiry.

Scientific groups from Edinburgh and London have been able to show that the new variant form of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease is indistinguishable from BSE in its effects when injected into mice.

Not only did the mice develop the disease in exactly the same period of time after injection, but extracts of infected brain were identical to those found in BSE-infected cattle. Other forms of CJD developed at a different speed and produced different molecules in the brain.

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the evidence becomes "compelling", they say.

A second strain of mice, called CS/BL, have also been injected with the brain extracts. They are beginning to show signs of disease, as would be expected if BSE and nvCJD were identical.

The two new studies do not change assumptions about nvCJD and BSE. The Government was advised by the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee in March 1996 that there was probably a link and accepted the advice. Some scientists remained sceptical, but this latest evidence is as convincing as it is likely to get.

The advisory committee said yesterday that the new research was convincing but did not call for any change in policy. The necessary measures to protect the public and animal health were in place already, it said.

Dr Collinge said yesterday: "We believe that the combined weight of the evidence leads to the same inescapable conclusion: new variant CJD is the human counterpart of BSE."

John Collinge, the leader of the team from St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, says that he has reached the "ines-

tinctive conclusion" that the new variant of CJD is the human equivalent of BSE and that eating beef is probably to blame.

His findings, and those of a team led by Moira Bruce of the Neuropathogenesis Unit in Edinburgh, are published in this week's *Nature*. The findings were released early after a report of them appeared in *The Sunday Times*.

Dr Bruce took brain tissue from victims of the new variant and from six patients who had died of the classical form of the disease, and injected it into different strains of laboratory mice. One strain, called RIII, died 300-350 days after being injected.

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Dorothy Churchill, of Devizes, Wiltshire, whose son Stephen died in May 1995 at the age of 19, said: "We have been waiting for 18 months for these test results. We hope this will help our campaign to put pressure on the Government

to set up a full judicial inquiry into the BSE crisis.

"We also want to see money made available to help in the nursing of victims of CJD. The Government was quick enough to compensate farmers for cows that got BSE. We feel that they should make some sort of compensation award to the families."

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have contracted by eating beef infected with BSE.

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The 8th Marquess of Hertford, the master of Ragley Hall in Warwickshire, insisted that the experience of running a 6,000-acre estate offered a valuable contribution to democracy. Hereditary peers "have a lot of experience at many different jobs", he said. "If, together with a peerage, you have inherited a large country estate, you have to learn a lot about farming, forestry, maintenance of houses and conversion of farm buildings."

Lord Hertford, 67, who was



Sophie Anderton wearing a Westwood design, part of the Red Label collection, at the Globe theatre yesterday

## Westwood puts the best fronts forward at the Globe

BY GRACE BRADBERRY, STYLING EDITOR

THE glamour model Melinda Messenger made an appearance at the Globe theatre yesterday as Vivienne Westwood used voluptuous women to model her Red Label collection, shown as part of London Fashion Week.

The show, staged in the undercroft of the theatre on the South Bank, also featured the television presenter Denise Van Outen and Sophie Anderton, the model best known for her ads. Although the theme was the well-bred "English Girl Abroad", the styling was more saucy peasant.

In tabloid speak, Miss Messenger cavitied before photographers in a ruched miniskirt and knotted cropped shirt. Overall, the collection was a curious mixture of slinky, full-length glitter dresses, blue sailor outfits, and flouncy dresses harking back to the 1970s.

There was a near repeat of Naomi Campbell's famous catwalk fall when one model slipped on the outrageous cork platform sandals. The miniskirt suits were also in familiar Westwood territory.

Also showing was Richard Tyler, the New York designer who was a favourite of Hollywood stars. His show at the Oxo Tower was one of the hot tickets of the week.

Earlier, the British designer Paul Frith showed a sleek collection of grey tailored skirts and batwing-sleeved jersey dresses.

The designer Alexander McQueen yesterday served a writ on a student who has accused him of stealing a design. The row involves a "off the breast" dress shown at McQueen's Paris show in January. Trevor Merril, 35, has been given legal aid to sue McQueen after claiming it was a copy of a dress he made. McQueen lodged a counter-claim in the High Court after Mr Merril refused to sign an apology agreeing to cease making the allegations.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Checks on children after asbestos scare

Health officials and police were trying to trace a company that illegally dumped more than 200 bin bags of blue asbestos around Birmingham. The red and black bags were dumped on streets, on wasteland and at the back of two industrial premises.

Gavin Tringham, head of Birmingham's environmental protection unit, said children had been seen tearing open the bags and throwing the asbestos over each other. Last night seven of the children had been traced and their clothes and homes were being decontaminated. A doctor will examine them to decide whether they should have long-term monitoring.

The bags were taken away for disposal and specialist companies worked through the day to make the dumping sites safe. Crown courts can impose unlimited fines for illegal dumping of asbestos.

### Handguns warning

Gun owners face up to ten years in prison or a £5,000 fine if they do not surrender any handguns above .22 calibre by tonight. Alan Michael, the Home Office Minister responsible for criminal policy, said that during the three-month amnesty many gun owners had co-operated with the police. He understood their anger over the ban but they would receive compensation.

### Fireman shot in the eye

A fireman may require surgery to save his sight after being shot in the eye at the scene of a fire in a disused pub in Middlesbrough. The officer, whose name was not released, was hit with an airgun pellet while drinking coffee provided by a neighbour. He was taken to Middlesbrough General Hospital with fragments of the pellet still in his eye. The fire was being treated as arson.

### Man joins election race

A man has won a place in the previously all-female race to become President of Ireland. Derek Nally, 60, a private detective, secured the required backing of four county councils to contest the election on October 30. He will compete against the singer Dana, Mary McAleese, Adi Roche and Mary Banotti. Nominations for the £100,000-a-year post close at noon today.

### Oldest man dies at 108

England's oldest man — who gave up smoking when he was 97 and lived through the reigns of four kings and two queens — has died at the age of 108. George Cook, an award-winning gardener, died in his sleep on Saturday at a retirement home in Dorking, Surrey. Mr Cook, who fought at Ypres and in the Battle of the Somme, had more than 40 great-grandchildren.

### New top policeman

The new head of the National Criminal Intelligence Service will be John Abbott, the current deputy director. Mr Abbott, 48, has been deputy since October. He joined Sussex police in 1983 and has served in the Royal Hong Kong Police and as an assistant inspector of constabulary at the Home Office. Mr Abbott replaces Albert Pace, who retired last month.

### Explorer dies in tunnel

An investigation was launched after a man apparently suffocated as he and a friend explored an old tunnel. Robert Ashcroft, 18, collapsed 30 metres inside the tunnel, believed to be a drainage culvert, beneath a slag heap at the former Hickleton Main colliery near Thurnscoe, south Yorkshire. His friend, 19, was taken to hospital. The mine closed ten years ago.

### Hope for vice children

Police and social services in Manchester are setting up a "rescue squad" to save child prostitutes from life on the streets after some as young as 13 have been reported openly soliciting for sex. The scheme, similar to one in the Midlands, is designed to guide young people towards welfare agencies instead of the courts. Last year, figures showed there were 5,000 child prostitutes on the streets.

### Potter shop on market

The shop immortalised by Beatrix Potter as the home of the Tailor of Gloucester is for sale. Thousands of tourists visit the shop, beside Gloucester Cathedral, which was sketched by Potter for the 1902 book. It is being sold by her publisher, Frederick Warne and Co, because retailing is not its core business. Gloucester council may bid for the freehold, priced at £75,000.



## Marquess turns rebel over Hague reforms

BY ANDREW PIERCE

EDUCATED at Eton, separated from his wife in 1995. Neither wanted to move from their 17th century estate so he remained in ten of the rooms in the mansion while his wife moved half-a-mile up the drive to a house that was the gardener's cottage.

Lord Hertford, whose personal fortune is estimated at £14 million, attended about a third of the 74 sittings of the House of Lords last year. He admitted he would be at a loss if Labour carried out its manifesto commitment, which the Tory leader has decided not to oppose, to strip the sitting and voting rights of hereditary peers. "I don't know what I would do. Not a lot I suppose," he told Radio 4's *The World at One*.

Lord Hertford, 67, who was

Lord Hertford saved from demolition, and its gardens, is visited by about 90,000 tourists each year. The estate should keep him busy. It includes an adventure playground, and dinner parties are held at the Great Hall.

Lord Hertford maintained that owners of stately homes had valuable skills. "Many of us have learnt a lot about the tourist trade. There is quite a variety of good jobs to be good at and, with all due modesty, I have been pretty successful at all of them."

Lord Hertford was planning to discuss the Hague reforms with Viscount Cranborne, the Tory leader in the House of Lords, and a scion of the Cecil dynasty. He hoped that Mr Hague would reconsider.

He said that the Prime Minister's

plans to replace the hereditary peers with dozens of life peers would not improve the quality of the debate in the Lords. "It will make it less interesting and less useful."

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, a Tory life peer, accepted the need for reform of the House of Lords. He suggested that existing hereditary peers might be allowed to remain in the House, while their heirs should be excluded. Diehard Tory supporters of hereditary voting rights would have to accept that change was inevitable, he said. "There is a group of what I will call 'solid' Conservatives who will be distressed by it going in any reforming direction but they will have to realise if we hope to return to power we can no longer imagine we can stay still."

### Pub friends hit double lottery jackpot with mistaken entry

A PUB syndicate hit the lottery jackpot twice at the weekend after accidentally putting one of their regular sets of numbers on two different coupons. The four punters from the Royal Oak in New Ash Green, Kent, scooped £10.3 million — two of the five shares of the £10.3 million rollover jackpot.

Kevin Papworth, 36, an electrician and the syndicate

leader, said: "Once I saw the double win."

It was only the day after Mr Papworth accidentally wrote down the same line twice, when they were celebrating what they thought was a £5 million win: that Camelot told them they had hit the jackpot twice. Yesterday, the four pub friends all from Dartford, celebrated their win with lager.



Every one a two-time winner: left to right, Papworth, Young, Cook and Hedges

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# Bullies torment Salvation Army girl to death

Russell Jenkins reports on the suspected suicide of a teenager unable to bear the victimisation any longer

**THE** parents of a 13-year-old girl, found dead early yesterday after a suspected overdose, have blamed the tragedy on young bullies who targeted the family because they belonged to the Salvation Army.

Kelly Yeomans and her family were subjected to insults, taunts and abuse by a group of youngsters who were said to have hurled eggs, flour, stones and even a dead fish at their home in Allenton, Derby.

The bombardment had been stepped up over the weekend.

Derbyshire Constabulary are investigating the circumstances surrounding the schoolgirl's death. They intend to interview a number of youths who, it is alleged, were "tormenting" Kelly and her family.

Kelly's body was discovered shortly before 8am yesterday by her mother, Julie Yeomans, 42, when she went to wake her up in time for school. She had swallowed an overdose of painkillers.

She is believed to have taken around 40 of the tablets which were originally prescribed for her mother. Paramedics arrived shortly afterwards but were unable to revive her.

Mrs Yeomans and her husband, Ivan, 45, spoke of their daughter's torment at the hands of the bullies. She said that Kelly was so upset by the onslaught that she had warned earlier that she could not take much more.

The youths began terrorising the family three years ago because, they believe, of their association with the Salvation Army.

Kelly and her older sister Sarah, 16, played in a band and visited old people's homes.

A group of youths gathered outside the house last Thursday and Friday. They shouted abuse and threw eggs but fled



Kelly: took overdose

when the police were called. Mrs Yeomans said that Kelly had been deeply upset by her experience last Friday when she was called a "smelly bastard". She said: "I went out, but they just told me, 'We've told you. Get back in, you smelly bastards'."

"Kelly said to me on Friday 'I've had enough Mum. I'm going to take an overdose.' I really didn't think she would. I just thought she was depressed. It is terrible."

Kelly's sister Sarah said Kelly had been the victim of persistent bullying at school and had often been teased because she was overweight. She said: "It got to the stage where she was frightened to go out of the house because she got called 'fat'. My Mum had a go at them, but it didn't do any good."

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"I have been around to the council in end of times to complain, but it is all form filling. All I wanted was for it

to stop. They saw us as a soft family and they just bullied us, now they have driven my daughter to her death."

Neighbours spoke of how youths on the problem council estate had thrown stones at the homes of elderly residents.

Michael Shaw, principal of Merrill College, Derby, where Kelly went to school, said that to his knowledge there had been no incidents of bullying on school premises. He said: "The first we became aware of this was after we were told of Kelly's death. Her parents never approached us about there being a problem at school and neither did Kelly."

Detective Inspector Mark Cheetham, leading the investigation, said: "We understand Kelly and her family were being tormented by local youths. We will be interviewing them later in relation to possible offences of harassment."

Major Pamela Nutt, commanding officer of the South Derby Salvation Army, said: "This has come as a terrible shock to all our members. Those who knew Kelly spoke very warmly of her and it is a great shame that the local community has lost someone who cared so much."

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Vanessa Hardwick: claimed sexual discrimination over FA coaching exam setback

## Woman boxer punches hard for equality

BY FRANCES GIBB  
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A FEMALE boxing champion is seeking to strike a blow in the courts for women's right to fight. In what is thought to be the first case of its kind, Jane Couch, 29, the women's world welterweight champion, wants to count out the British Boxing Board of Control's opposition to women fighting professionally.

The Lancashire boxer, billed as the Fleetwood Assassin, is making her attempt for equality at a London

industrial tribunal, alleging restriction of trade and sexual discrimination. She wants the board to rescind its decision to deny her application for a professional licence. The board opposes female fighters on medical grounds.

Last week Vanessa Hardwick lodged a claim, with the backing of the Equal Opportunities Commission, against the Football Association over its refusal to grant her the FA advanced coaching licence.

Ms Couch is confident of her contest prospects. "Britain is stuck in the Dark Ages. It is the only country in the world

where I cannot fight professionally on the same bill as men," she said. Papers were lodged initially for an industrial tribunal in Bristol but the hearing will now be in Croydon, South London. The date has yet to be fixed.

Ms Couch trains at Tex Woodward's gym at Compton Greenfield, near Bristol. He supports her court room fight: "If a person wants to box they should be allowed to box, whether male or female. A male barrister trains at our gym and he believes Jane should win, as European law says that women should have equal rights."



Couch: world title

## Judge frees 'Magnificent Seven' who stole back docked wages

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A GROUP of "impoverished" drivers who stole £36,000 from the bus company they worked for escaped with community service orders from a sympathetic judge when he heard that they decided to steal back their wages after being docked as much as £100 a week.

Judge Michael Evans, QC, was told their take-home pay was as low as £33 a week. Workmates who knew about the scam at Shamrock

Coaches in south Wales dubbed the men the "Magnificent Seven" for stealing from the fares they collected by sneaking two computerised tills on to their buses while only handing over the cash from one.

But the company hit back last night, challenging their plea of mitigation after the men had pleaded guilty and criticising the conduct of prosecuting counsel. Granville Owen, operations supervisor, said after the case that Shamrock would start civil pro-

ceedings to recover the stolen money from the men whom they have already sacked.

He criticised the conduct of the case by the Crown Prosecution Service which he demanded should launch an appeal against sentence. The company vehemently denied underpaying the defendants and the allegation made in court that wage records had been destroyed by the company.

The case will be reviewed by the CPS after a protest letter was sent

yesterday by Alison Jones, the owner of the company which operates buses throughout south Wales.

Peter Murphy, defending the men at Cardiff Crown Court last Friday, told the judge: "They are all hard working, honest men with a genuine grievance. The company was acting very badly and grossly underpaid their employees. They regularly deducted large sums of money without conscience from the pay packets of their employees each

week. "The drivers sometimes took home as little as £33 for a full week after deductions. That was not enough money to feed a family. They were owed the money in unpaid wages so they took it."

Drivers Ken Evans, Ceri Williams, Lynn Davies, Jason Davies, Anthony Lindsay, Mike Williams and Jeff Holt all admitted theft totalling £36,750 at an earlier hearing at Merthyr Tydfil Crown Court. It was said that Mr Evans, 41, worked through his holidays for

extra cash to buy Christmas presents for his children but his boss docked all of the extra money he earned.

Hugh Wallace, prosecuting, said the fraud operated by the men — aged between 30 and 46 — was eventually spotted by managers at the company's head office in Abercynon, Glamorgan. The judge ordered all but one of the men, who come from Aberdare, Mountain Ash and Pontypridd, to do 120 hours of community service, while

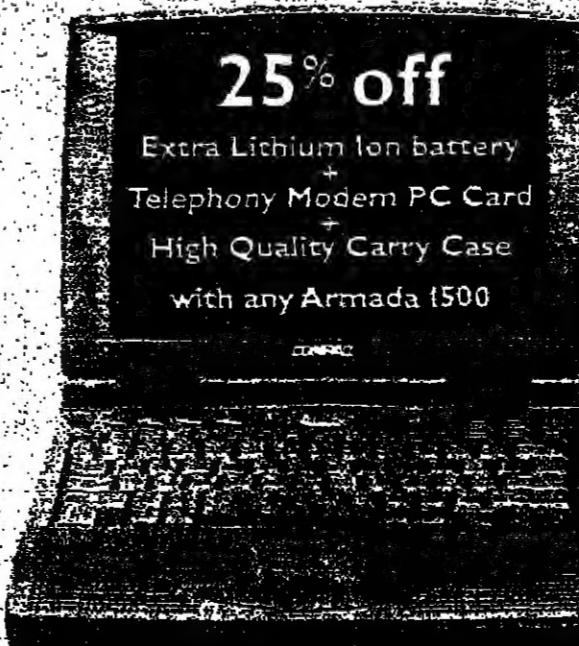
Anthony Lindsay was sentenced to a year's probation.

Judge Evans said: "This is an exceptional case. You each have a sense of grievance against your former employers over unpaid wages.

"There are many grounds to support your grievance, I don't believe it would be fair or just to make you pay compensation or costs."

An angry Mr Owen said after the case: "This is a travesty of justice."

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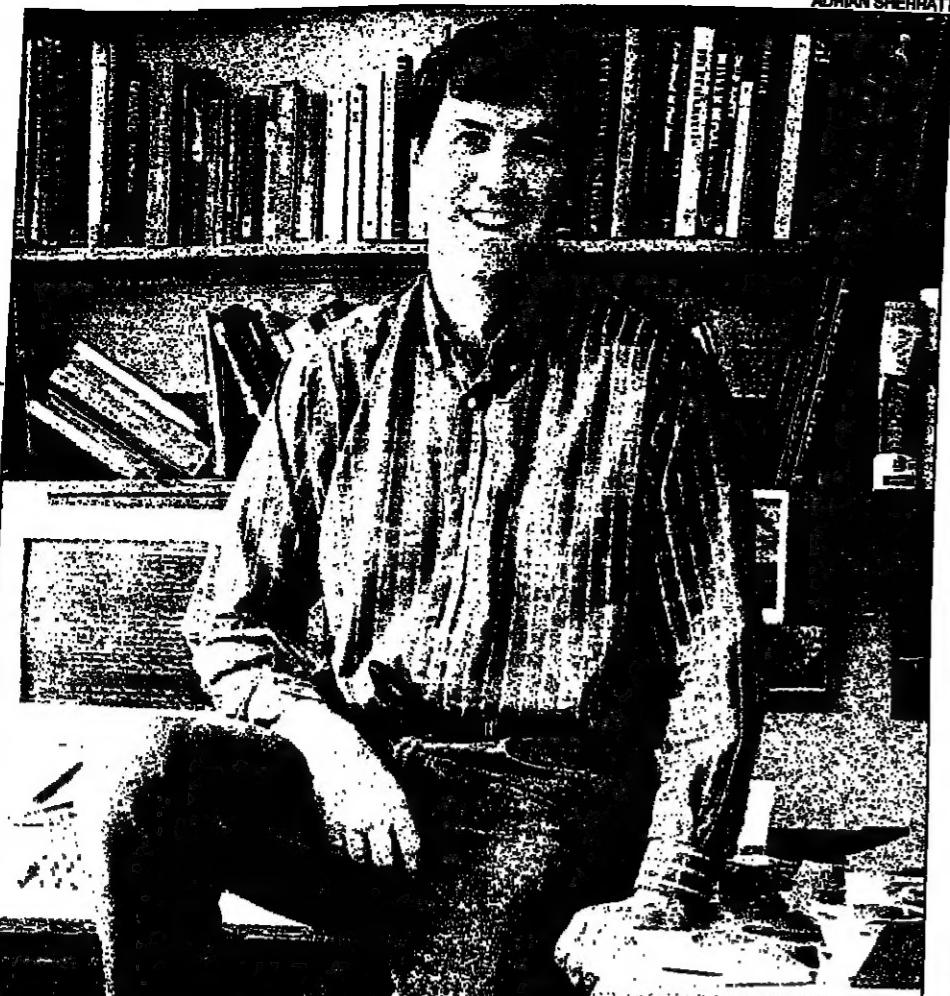
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# Friends say the truth has to be told



Andrew Morton in his study. A million copies of the new book have been printed

**Joanna Bale and Daniel McGrory find mixed reactions to Andrew Morton's book**

THE extent of the co-operation by Diana, Princess of Wales, in the production of Andrew Morton's book came as a surprise to many of her friends who were asked by her to co-operate with the author.

Some had been pilloried in 1992 for "gossiping" about the Princess's private life and the book was dismissed as "impertinent". Muriel Stevens, who knew the Princess and was one of those acknowledged as a source in the biography, said it was important that people should know the truth.

Mrs Stevens, said yesterday: "I was quite stunned when she denied that she had cooperated. When Andrew Morton contacted me while writing the book I said I would like to clear it with the Princess before I spoke to him. I rang Buckingham Palace and was put through to the Princess of Wales's office. The answer I got was, Yes, this is an official book, the Princess is more than happy for you to talk to Mr Morton to confirm what she has told him".

"I guessed she had spoken to him herself because certain

things he mentioned to me could only have come from her." Mrs Stevens, who is chief executive of the British Allergy Foundation, kept in touch with the Princess after meeting her when she did voluntary work as a schoolgirl with patients with learning difficulties at the Darent Park Hospital in Kent, which now closed. Delissa Need-

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ham, an old schoolfriend of the Princess who was also a source for the book, said: "I can understand the criticism that it may be too soon after her death, but when is too soon and when is too late? Andrew Morton has just told the truth and people want to know the truth about Diana."

Michael Nash, a lecturer in law at Norwich City College who wrote the last chapter of the original book about the constitutional implications of a royal divorce, said: "It's only a month since she died and everything is still very painful,

but sometimes these things have to be done quickly to set the record straight."

Buckingham Palace likes to keep anything like this in a low profile, but we are in an era when things are much more open — an era that the Palace has not yet adjusted to. I worked very closely with Andrew and I knew his sources were unimpeachable, but I never realised that the Princess was actually correcting proofs."

Other former friends of the Princess who were sources for the book declined to comment yesterday. James Gilbey, whose intimate conversation with the Princess was featured in the "Squidgy" tapes, said: "We have always maintained our silence over this matter. It was a matter of confidence then and it remains so now."

Lord St John of Fawsley said he had not known that the Princess was so closely involved with the production of the book, but commented: "It was clear from careful reading that the Princess had played some part in it. Clearly this was much greater than we ever imagined." A spokes-



Muriel Stevens checked with Princess's office

woman for Earl Spencer, the Princess's brother, said he did not wish to comment. Mr Morton's disclosure was condemned last night by former MP James Hill, who was chairman of the Constitutional Affairs Committee at the time of the Princess's divorce.

"This will only cause more needless pain to the young princes and others so an author can make money."

Peter Luff, Conservative MP for Mid-Worcestershire, commented: "This has left a pretty nasty taste in my mouth. Presumably, if the Princess had wanted her autobiography to be written and had used Mr Morton as a ghost writer she would have done it that way. I find it rather surprising that he should have chosen this moment to make these revelations."

Ann Winterton, Conservative MP for Congleton, said: "I very much regret that Andrew Morton has made known the fact of the Princess's involvement in his book. Following the sad death of the Princess it seems to me to lack integrity and honour to give information which, if she had wanted it to be known, would have herself made it known during her lifetime."

Lord Blake said: "I don't think this will add anything and it is too soon after her death for such disclosures."

The revised book was denounced as "despicable, shameful and cynical" by Tory MP Teresa Gorman. Mrs Gorman, MP for Billericay, said: "The Princess was hunted in life and now she is haunted in death. This is a cynical and shameful attempt to exploit her memory from beyond the grave and to regenerate sales. It is as bad as anything the cameramen ever did to chase her. "To do this at this time seems to me exactly what we were promised the press would not do, which is to exploit people's confidences and private matters."

Mrs Gorman said this underlined the necessity for some kind of privacy legislation. This is no better than those people who were prepared to make money out of her life when she was alive. Now this is to start happening when she is the other side of the grave, it is even more dreadful."

Sir Teddy Taylor, Tory MP for Southend East and Rochford, said: "I think it is cold and unfriendly for Mr Morton to make these controversial disclosures after the tragic death of the Princess. Everyone knew she was going through a great deal of torment, and in my view it seems that the whole business is simply another ploy to boost sales for the book."

"I think that Mr Morton should have said nothing at all. And I hope that on reflection he will realise that

● I never realised the Princess was actually correcting proofs

family photographs and chose the famous cover picture, the author claimed. The publishers, Michael O'Mara, said both themselves and Mr Morton would be making a "substantial" donation to landmine victims from the proceeds of the new book which goes on sale next week.

A spokeswoman said details had not yet been finalised and an announcement was set to be made before the book's publication in Britain next Monday.

She said a million copies of the book had already been printed worldwide to cope with the huge demand across Europe and in English-speaking countries such as the United States and Australia.

## Princess denial

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friendship". The Princess kept the true extent of her involvement in this book from most of her closest confidantes, including the writer Clive James.

She once told him over lunch: "I really had nothing to do with that Andrew Morton book... but after my friends talked to him, I had to stand by them."

Such revelations along with proof of the Princess's intimate involvement with the author Andrew Morton will disturb many in the Royal Family who were given assurances by the Princess at the time that she had played no part in the book's preparation.

At one stage Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's Private Secretary and the husband of her sister Lady Jane Spencer, had visited the Princess at home in Kensington Palace to seek a written assurance that she was not involved.

"The Palace knew it had to mount a defence and the most effective was to be able to say that the Princess knew nothing about this and the book was all hearsay and gossip," a former senior palace aide said last night.

"She gave a categorical denial

## CORRECTIONS

- Our report (September 19) of the FA charges against Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers claimed that they had admitted in court taking money for forecasting matches in which they had played. We are glad to make it clear, and we accept, that neither did so. Grobbelaar accepted that he forecast English matches; Segers that he forecast Dutch matches, and occasionally supplied information about English matches.
- Mrs Vera May, breeder of British bulldogs, does not support Ken Molten in his efforts to cross the breed, contrary to a report of September 25.

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Crowbar attack  
on babysitter

By ANTHONY HARRIS

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# Nancy goes and spoils it all for Old Blue Eyes

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK



**AN UNSEEMLY** "inheritance war" has erupted within the family of Frank Sinatra, pitting the 81-year-old singer's three children — Tina, Frank Jr., and Nancy — against his fourth wife, Barbara.

Just when Sinatra, who suffers from chronic heart trouble, should be enjoying his last years in peace, so the rivals for his vast fortune appear to be girding themselves to do battle over his \$200 million (£124 million) fortune.

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, skirmishes have been raging all year between Tina, Sinatra's youngest daughter, and Mrs Sinatra, over the merchandising of the entertainer's name on ties, pasta sauce, Californian sparkling wine, "singing" porcelain souvenir plates (embedded with a computer chip that carries Sinatra's voice), and other products of questionable taste.

Tina Sinatra, 49, is the chief executive of Sheffield Enterprises Inc, formed some years ago by Sinatra to license his name and likeness. She styles herself as the "keeper of the Sinatra flame" and has, on more than one occasion, said: "I am Frank Sinatra".

Tina and her siblings — Nancy, 57, who recorded *Something Stupid* with her father, and Frank Jr., who was his father's conductor from the late 1980s until his most recent performance, in December 1994 — also own Reprise Records, which controls the rights to all Sinatra's recordings made between 1960 and 1988. These include such favourites as *Fly Me to the Moon* and *Strangers in the Night*.

Facing them is Mrs Sinatra, 70, who, if his embittered children are to be believed, holds Sinatra "hostage". She dismisses these accusations as "sheer nonsense". Indeed, there appears to be no prima facie evidence that Mr and Mrs Sinatra are anything but "very much in love".

Mrs Sinatra, who counts as a formidable ally her son from

be erased. The conflict was exacerbated further by a bizarre wrangle over a "commemorative Frank Sinatra necktie". Mrs Sinatra, clearly more comfortable with the image of an elderly man, wanted the tie emblazoned with pictures of Sinatra as he is now. She chose a photograph herself, in which Sinatra, smiling, sports a dapper silver toupee.

Tina, it is said, exploded with rage when she learned of her rival's choice. In the resulting "necktie battle", Mrs Sinatra lost and the tie featured a raffish Sinatra from the 1960s.

Mrs Sinatra, however, can be said to have won the "necktie war". The tie bombed and was withdrawn from the shelves after pitiful sales. Inexplicably, Tina and her siblings are blaming Mrs Sinatra for the tie's failure.

Frank Jr. was his father's conductor until 1994

a previous marriage. Robert Marx, has no official role in either Sheffield Enterprises or Reprise Records. Yet she is making a fortune from a contract her husband signed in 1993 with Capitol Records. The agreement gives her royalties of 20 per cent on sales, regarded here as an exceptionally high figure, and her bank account has prospered from the success of the singer's recent double album *Duets*. These have sold about 3.7 million copies in America alone.

Mrs Sinatra has also begun to manage reissues of early Sinatra music, particularly from the 1940s, when he ruled the airwaves with the Tommy Dorsey Band. Although the singer's children do not have sole rights over any pre-1960 songs, they feel they have a moral claim.

Tensions boiled over earlier this year when the children threatened to sue Mrs Sinatra (and, by extension, their own father) over a record released to commemorate his 80th birthday. Called *Live in Concert*, and produced by Capitol records, the album consisted of performances recorded since 1987, including such Sinatra staples as *My Way*, *New York, New York* and *My Heart Stood Still* — songs to which the children hold sole rights.

Legal action did not, in the end, ensue, but the threat left a bitter taste which is unlikely to



Sinatra and his fourth wife Barbara at a gala celebrating his 80th birthday. He suffers from chronic heart trouble

## Mother's plea ends nurse's jail fast

LUCILLE McLAUCHLAN, the nurse who was sentenced to 500 lashes and eight years in jail in Saudi Arabia, agreed to call off her hunger strike only after a despairing plea from her mother.

Ann McLauchlan sent her daughter a handwritten message, begging her not to endanger her life.

McLauchlan and Deborah Parry, 38, who faces the death penalty over the murder of Yvonne Gilford, a colleague, last October, are said to be "deeply depressed".

McLauchlan sent a message to her parents and her fiancé in Dundee telling them not to wait as she feared she would never leave Saudi Arabia. The 31-year-old nurse had refused all food within hours of being sentenced last week when she was not allowed to telephone home.

McLauchlan had told the prison authorities she would starve until she was allowed to call her parents. Although she is entitled under Saudi rules to a call once she has been sentenced, she still has not been allowed to make her call.



Tina and Nancy Sinatra claim that they and their brother should inherit the singer's \$200m fortune

## Two face jail for crowbar attack on babysitter

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN EVENING'S babysitting ended in terror for a 20-year-old woman after two attackers tricked their way into her home.

Patricia Harrison-Foody, a beautician, was caring for a friend's daughter when she heard a knock at the front door. She opened it to find a shoeless woman pleading for help. Suddenly, the woman forced her way in, closely followed by a man who had been in the shadows.

Her friend's five-year-old daughter screamed in terror as Miss Harrison-Foody fought the two crowbar-wielding attackers. Southwark Crown Court was told.

She was held face down by one as the other struck her repeatedly and slashed her with broken glass. After stealing her clothes, jewellery and other possessions, they said that she would be shot if she went to the police.

She ignored the threat only to be subjected to a campaign of fear by the pair, the court was told. In the dock were Tracy Martin, 21, a mother of one, and Omar Khodja, 23, who variously admitted causing actual bodily harm, theft and three counts of intimidation. A not guilty plea to robbery was accepted.

The noise of the attack woke

bed to find out what was going on. She saw the sobbing babysitter hit over the head with a glass vase and then slashed across the arms with one of the shards.

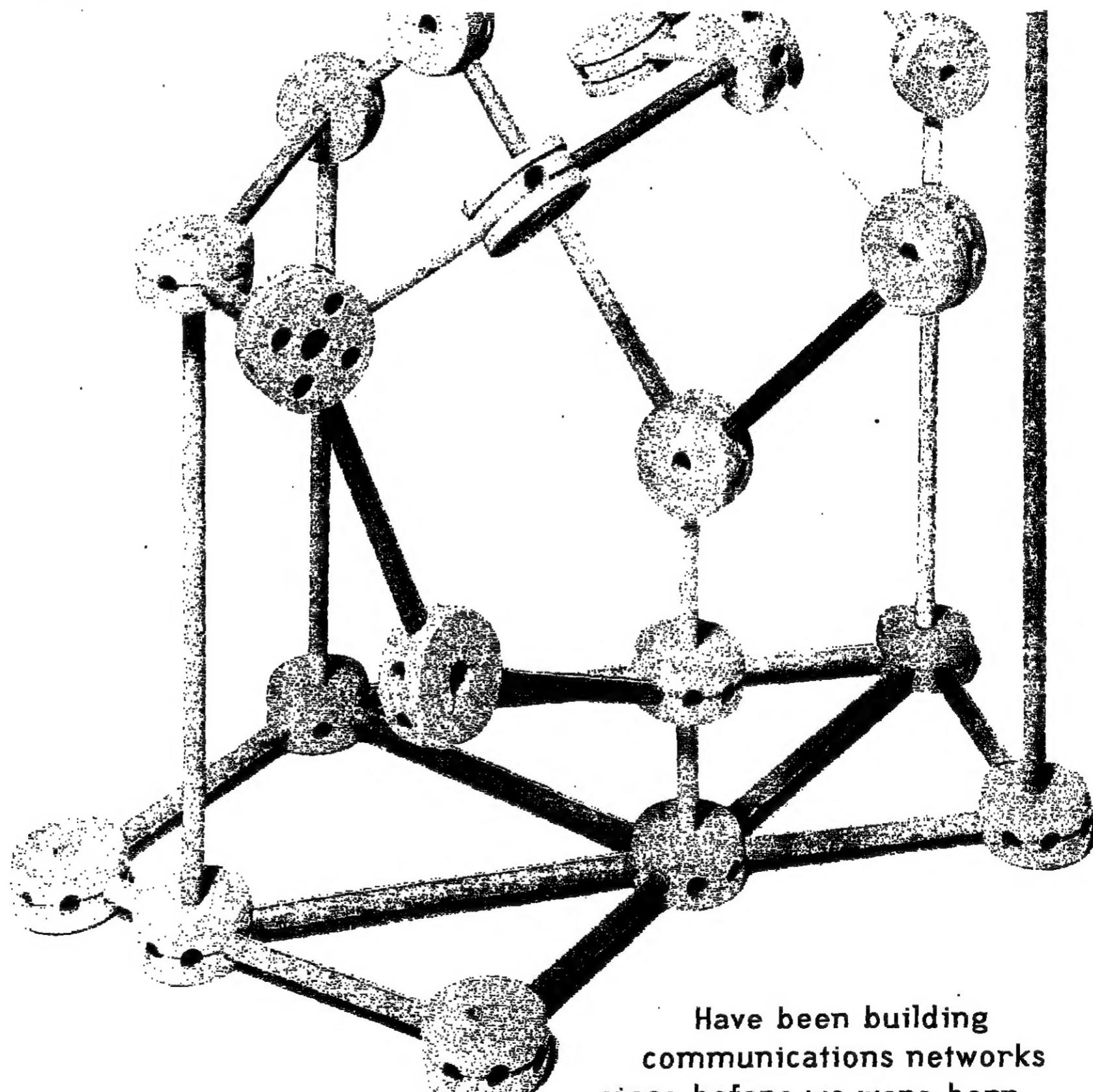
James Dennison, for the prosecution, said that Martin bit Miss Harrison-Foody on the arm and told her she now had AIDS. Then, as Martin ransacked the bedroom, Khodja held his victim face down on the sofa "tapping the crowbar against her head". Miss Harrison-Foody later told police: "I really thought that I was going to be killed."

Despite the shooting threat, she rushed to the nearest callbox and dialled 999. Martin and Khodja were arrested at the home they shared in Thamesmead, southeast London, a few days later.

That night the babysitter received the first of three night-time telephone calls — one from Khodja, two from Martin — warning her not to go on with the case. Mr Dennison said Miss Harrison-Foody's ordeal left her unable to go to work at Harrods for two months, and she wanted to leave her home.

Mr Recorder Anthony Hilton, QC, remanded Martin and Khodja in custody until October 10 for pre-sentence reports. He said that a jail term was inevitable.

The noise of the attack woke the girl, who climbed out of



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Only half of new tax forms returned

Only about half of the eight million people who have to fill in tax returns will have met today's 5pm deadline for returning the new self-assessment forms. By last Friday evening, 3.9 million had returned the forms, which were despatched in the spring. An Inland Revenue spokeswoman said: "We have had the response so far that we expected."

If taxpayers mark the envelope "delivered by hand" and push it through a tax office letterbox overnight, the return will be treated as having arrived on time. Those who miss the deadline have until January 31 to return the forms before an automatic £100 penalty is imposed, followed by another £100 fine six months later for non-return.

## Schoolgirl dies

A schoolgirl died after she hit her head in a 20 ft fall from a conker tree. Jenna Ellis, 11, had climbed the horse chestnut tree with friends near her home in Liverpool. Last week Marc Abbott, 8, died after falling from a conker tree near his home in Wigan. An inquest into Jenna's death is to be opened today.

## Bank reprieve

Residents have won a reprieve from the only bank left in Britain's smallest town. Barclays agreed to put off closure of its branch at Llanwryd Wells, Powys, after 30 protesters, including the mayor, staged a demonstration in Cardiff over the cost-cutting move. The town has fewer than 700 residents.

## Fresh start

Captain Valentine Strasser, 32, military dictator of Sierra Leone for four years after a coup in 1992, started his first day of studies at Warwick University. Officials said that protests at his human rights record had died down and that students and lecturers had accepted his presence. Captain Strasser is studying law.

## Missing bricks

Security on the Marquess of Tavistock's Woburn estate is to be increased after three demolished an isolated farmhouse. The 10,000 bricks which comprised the front wall of the deserted 1850 cottage are estimated to be worth £50,000 and may have been stolen to order. Copper piping was also removed.

## Aspirin a day

More than 3,000 strokes and heart attacks a year could be prevented or postponed if those at risk took an aspirin a day, according to a survey marking the start of Stroke Week. The survey, by the Stroke Association, found that 15 per cent of stroke patients who knew they had high blood pressure were not taking drugs.

## £190,000 in bag

An auction of more than 350 unwanted items from Fasque, the ancestral home in north-east Scotland of William Gladstone, raised £190,000. A pair of 19th-century leather armchairs fetched £6,000. The proceeds will be used to renovate the house, now owned by the Liberal statesman's great-grandson.

## Tram injuries

Two people were taken to hospital yesterday after a tram and a bus collided in Manchester city centre. The tram driver and a man of 76 suffered neck injuries in the crash on Balloon Street. "We don't know yet what happened or who was responsible," said a spokesman for the Metrolink tram service.

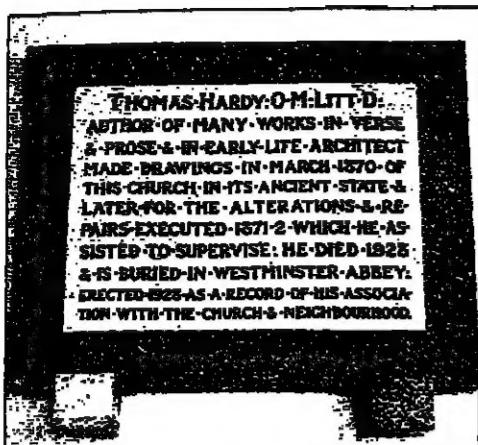
## Stour unlocked

John Constable, a descendant of the painter, unveiled a plaque at the opening of a new lock on the Stour. The lock, at Great Cornard, Suffolk, was funded partly by the Millennium Commission. It will enable boats to go upstream through the heart of countryside made famous in the paintings of Constable.

## Thieves rip altar from Hardy church



Emma Gifford, later Hardy's wife, met him at St Julian's. A plaque records his visit



The parish where the novelist fell in love is the latest victim of a gang roaming the West Country, reports Simon de Bruxelles

A CORNISH church immortalised by Thomas Hardy has had its altar stolen. St Julian's near Boscastle is the latest in a series of remote West Country churches to be targeted by thieves, feeding a market for artefacts and furniture with a religious connection.

Besides the altar table and cloth, the thieves stole two wooden bishop's chairs, a 20in crucifix, two brass vases and two brass candlesticks, worth a total of £2,000. Like most churches in Cornwall, it had been left unlocked.

A Victorian safe that had been unused for decades was prised from the vestry wall with a pickaxe and abandoned when the thieves realised the church plate was stored elsewhere. Hardy was sent to St Julian's as a young draughtsman in 1870 to draw up plans for the restoration of the 15th-century church. He fell in love with the rector's sister-in-law, Emma Gifford, and they married four years later.

Olive Blackburn, a leading member of the Thomas Hardy Society, who recently visited Boscastle with 40 other enthusiasts, said: "I'm sure Hardy would have found it sickening." Hardy, who was born in 1840, arrived at St Julian's at a critical period in his career as an author. Mrs

Blackburn said: "He felt like giving it all up because he wasn't getting anywhere. Then he met Emma Gifford. They had a lot in common. They were both artistic, particularly with their love for music. It was she that persuaded him to continue with his writing."

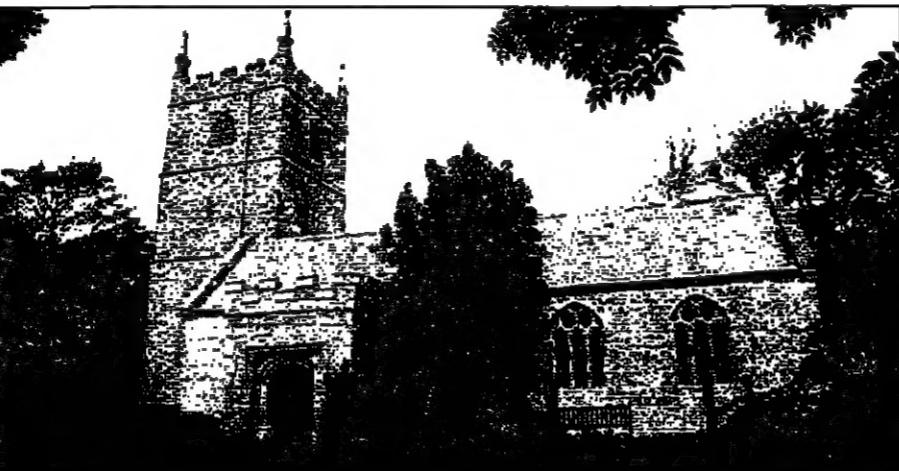
Miss Gifford's parents were against the match because Hardy was making little money. But she stuck by him and in 1874, the year that *Far from the Madding Crowd* was published, they married in London.

His period in Cornwall was described in his most autobiographical novel, *A Pair of Blue Eyes*, in which he wrote of the church: "The lonely edifice was black and bare, cutting up into the sky from the profile of the hill... of one substance with the ridge, rather than a structure raised thereon." He also recreated St Julian's and its magical setting nearly 40 years later in his most poignant group of poems, the *Veritas vestigiae flammæ (Vestiges of an Old Flame)*.

More than 20 Cornish churches have been raided over the past few months. Police believe the same culprits were responsible for many of the attacks. A spokesman for Devon and Cornwall



Philip Taylor, churchwarden at St Julian's, inspecting damage by the thieves: "When I saw the destruction, I could almost have cried"



Artefacts worth £2,000 were taken from the unlocked 15th-century Cornish church

Constabulary said: "These crimes are clearly connected, but the culprit is chancing his luck with whatever he finds. Sometimes it's just been food, in which case a lot of damage was done. At other times, as with St Julian's, he took away a lot more."

Philip Taylor, St Julian's churchwarden, said he was devastated when he discovered the break-in on Friday afternoon. "I'm extremely fond of the church. When I came into the church and saw the destruction and damage that had been caused, I could almost have cried. It's the

worst thing to have happened to the church in 600 years."

Jeremy Dowling, spokesman for Truro Diocese, said: "In this country, we do not want to lock our churches. They are meant to be open for those people who need a moment of prayer or quiet contemplation. But the guidelines are quite strict. St Julian's is insured, but we recommend that all valuables are removed when there is no service."

Other recent targets include St Sidwell's, Launceston, which was broken into last week by thieves who caused several hundred pounds of damage and stole several items. At St Ladoca, Loddon, £100 damage was caused when the collection box was forced open. Thieves caused £1,500 damage at St Gulval's, Penzance, on Thursday when they smashed through the main stained-glass window, yet found nothing more to steal than a packet of biscuits. The Rev Alan Toy said: "When the church is damaged or violated in this way, people feel a personal violation, just as though it was their own home that was burgled."

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## Vandalism and theft cost insurer £5 million a year

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE latest figures on church theft reveal that the days when churches were considered sacrosanct, even by criminals, are long gone.

Thieves and other attacks on churches have risen by more than 50 per cent in the past eight years, and are still increasing. Arson, theft and vandalism on Church of England buildings alone costs the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, which covers most of them, £5 million a year.

On average there are 17 attacks a day on churches. Arson accounts for nearly half the insurance costs, although vandalism and theft represent 99 per cent of the attacks.

Brian King, of Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, said that the true cost was far higher than the cost to insurers. "Most church valuables

are insured for their replacement and not their antique value," he said.

If a silver Jacobean chalice is stolen, we replace it only with a modern chalice. The loss to our heritage is the real hidden cost of this. Most churches would not be able to afford the cost of insuring something for its antique value."

Churches are now introducing schemes along the lines of neighbourhood watch with the co-operation of the local police. Churches in the Liverpool, Coventry and Bath and Wells dioceses are protected by church watch schemes. Closed-circuit television and infra-red burglar protection have been installed in some churches and, increasingly, valuable goods are locked away and replicas put on display.

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## Men 'dictate pace of human evolution'

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

MEN are the dominant sex as far as evolution is concerned, new research in Sweden has confirmed.

The random mutations behind evolution are more likely to occur to sperm than to eggs, because producing sperm involves many more cell divisions, each of which can introduce a mutation. It is those changes — mostly damaging, but occasionally beneficial — which act in conjunction with changes in the environment to allow species to evolve.

By the age of 30, the sperm cells from a man have undergone 400 rounds of cell division, while egg cells require only 24 divisions, regardless of

the age of the mother. As at each division the DNA in the genes has to be faithfully copied, there is clearly a much greater chance of errors in sperm than in eggs.

By analysing the mutation rate in birds, two scientists at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala have shown that males really are the source of more mutations.

There is a price to pay, Dr James Crow of the University of Wisconsin in Madison writes in *Nature Genetics*.

Older fathers are more likely to have children with inherited diseases, which derive from accumulated errors in their fathers' sperm.

## Broken homes encourage girls into early pregnancy

By ALEXANDRA FREAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN from divorced families are nearly twice as likely to become teenage mothers as those who grew up with both parents, according to research published yesterday. Men whose parents divorce are also more likely to have fathered a child by the age of 22, compared with 13 per cent of those from stable families.

The study, by Kathleen Kiernan of the Centre for the Analysis of Social Exclusion at the London School of Economics, shows that while parental divorce appears to have lasting and profound effects on people's emotional development and their ability to form lasting relationships, it has less of an impact on their economic and educational

achievements. The research found that 25 per cent of women with divorced parents had become teenage mothers, compared with 14 per cent of those whose parents stayed together. Twenty-three per cent of men from the same background had fathered a child by the age of 22, compared with 13 per cent of those from stable backgrounds.

Four out of ten men and women whose parents split up when they were children had seen their first marriage or cohabitation break down by the time they were 33, compared with three out of ten people whose parents had stayed together. As many as 48 per cent of women and 19 per cent of men from disrupted families had begun their first live-in partnership during their teens compared with 29 per cent of women and 10 per cent of men brought up by both parents.

"The greater likelihood of starting a live-in relationship as a teenager or becoming a parent before the age of 21 may well be directly linked to parental separation during childhood... children of these unions carry a legacy of doubt and vulnerability about forming and maintaining long-term relationships," Dr Kiernan said.

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Cooper: played crucial reconnaissance role

bombed Division at Arnhem. Captain Cooper notes: "Rather good lunch of pork chops and onions taken from the huge supply dump we captured at Oss." The diaries also contain many references to the darker

side of war. On September 11 he wrote: "There was one corpse in the middle of the road whose clothes had been blown off and everything had been run over a hundred times. I don't feel I can ever get used to these sights."

His personal relief of the town of Renaij took place on September 3, 1944, when he set off to find his regiment after liaising with the American forces. He drove to Renaij hoping to meet up with British soldiers but arrived to find he was the first Allied officer to reach the town. One hundred and fifty German troops had just left. According to the inhabitants we had liberated the town."

The diary entry for July 24 records: "We had dinner at a small cafe — steak and new potatoes, Camembert cheese and cider. Best meal since

landing but Germans have drunk all the champagne."

The captain, who was brought up in Northern Ireland and is now aged 85, later won the Military Cross for his leadership and gallantry in the six-day Battle of Jaffa in Israel in 1948.

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# Army officers 'sent flowers after gang rape'

Court told case against six men rests on whether student consented to group sex, Tim Jones reports

SIX naked Army officers stripped and raped a 23-year-old student after cajoling her in a sauna, a court was told yesterday. She was taken to a bedroom where each took turns to have sex with her against her will.

Richard Latham, QC, for the prosecution, told a jury at Oxford Crown Court that the central issue of the case was whether the woman, who cannot be identified, consented to group sex.

He said that two days after the attack, at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, Oxfordshire, the accused had clutched together to send her a bouquet of flowers with the message: "Sorry about the misunderstanding. Please accept apologies from all involved."

Mr Latham told the court: "On any view, what I am going to describe does no one in this case any credit. You may disapprove of the sexual morality of the complainant and each defendant. Consumption of too much alcohol had a lot to do with what happened. You may consider some actions of the complainant herself to have been foolhardy in the extreme." He told the jury, however: "This is not a court of morals. You must be objective and you must be dispassionate."

Before the court are Captain Philip Bates, 26, of Bordon, Hampshire; Lieutenant Darren Bartlett, 24, of Reading, Berkshire; Officer Cadet Andrew Stout, 20, of Whickham, Gateshead; Officer Cadet Nicholas Oettinger, 20, of Preston, Lancashire; Lieutenant Matthew Tupling, 24, also of Bordon; and Captain Ian Barlow, 29, of Northallerton, north Yorkshire. All six officers deny raping the woman between

started to urinate on the towel she was wearing. "She responded in strong fashion, called him a bastard and ran into the outer room. The men thought it was funny."

Mr Oettinger, with whom she had had a consenting sexual relationship, had said he would take her to Mr Bates's room so that she could change her clothes. Once there she had started to put her clothes on when the other five, all naked, marched in. As Mr Bates had put a pornographic film on the video, Mr Bartlett had shouted: "Are you into group sex?"

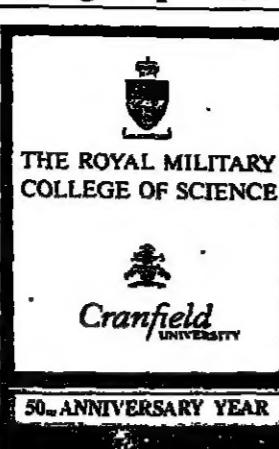
Mr Latham added: "He [Mr Bartlett] pushed her on the bed and straddled her and when she protested told her to enjoy it. Her clothes were taken off... all of them tried or had intercourse with her, encouraged by the others."

As the soldiers systematically raped her, Mr Latham said, the complainant, confronted with six naked men, had no option but to accede to their demands, although she fought off an attempt to handcuff her.

Beginning her evidence, the student said of the incident in the sauna: "I was not particularly satisfied that the men had no clothes on but I was not completely distressed about the whole thing."

Mr Latham said that afterwards the student was sobbing and told the friend of the rape "within minutes" of them leaving the college. She had told her boyfriend about the incident later that day and disclosed her ordeal to her GP two days later, when she asked for the morning after pill. She had complained to police in November last year, six months later. He said that the soldiers were arrested on December 3.

The case continues.



The other accused, left to right: Captain Ian Barlow, Lieutenant Tupling and Bartlett, and Captain Philip Bates

## Children to cost £100,000 each

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These shock findings come from 'What Price a Child?\*', an investigative study into the cost of child-rearing by well-known consumer journalist and broadcaster Jan Walsh.

### Startling fact number 1

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Mother jailed for defying access order

By FRANCES GIBB  
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN went to jail yesterday rather than obey a court order that she must let her former partner see their five-year-old son.

The woman, who cannot be identified, was jailed for three months by Judge Downes at the High Court after she refused to obey a court order made in May giving the father limited access to the child. The woman admitted contempt but claimed from the witness box that she was trying to protect her son from his father's "sexual deviancy".

She said the father had made "suggestions of a sexual nature" to her son during an earlier visit. She said that she wanted the court to order that there be no contact at all between them.

Judge Downes said that her allegations had been rejected at an earlier court hearing and there was no justification for her stance. He recognised that a jail sentence could only harm the boy and his two half-sisters, who will be cared for by the woman's family in her absence, and had done everything he could to avoid it. But the Northampton woman, who is in her thirties, had "held a gun to the court's head" by her "persistent intransigence".

"I have tried to persuade her that there are better ways of dealing with this situation, but it's quite clear to me that she is setting her face against the court. The court is concerned about the interests of the boy and his right to see his father."

Paul Cavadino, of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro) said: "While courts are understandably concerned to ensure their orders are not flouted, this seems an excessively harsh reaction."

Courts, he added, "must recognise that the welfare of the child is paramount, and repeatedly jailing a mother is hardly likely to promote a child's welfare".





## Indian barbers help to trim births

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS  
IN PEDDA AMBERPET  
VILLAGE,  
SOUTHERN INDIA

TENS of thousands of village barbers in southern India are to become frontline workers in an attempt to curb the country's soaring population, which will reach one billion in three or four years and overtake that of China soon afterwards.

Andhra Pradesh state is aiming to use barbers to persuade men to drop their prejudice against condoms. It is a revolutionary idea for India, which is starting to take population policy more seriously after decades of virtually ignoring it.

Condoms, like all other forms of birth control, are free throughout India, but few men use them despite increasing awareness of AIDS, which is becoming an epidemic that is likely to be worse than anything experienced in sub-Saharan Africa. Vasectomies are virtually non-existent because villagers are convinced the procedure will weaken them for work in the fields.

Female sterilisation accounts for three quarters of all contraception and a third of all Indian women of child-bearing age have been sterilised, probably the world's highest figure. But it is not enough: the population is rising by 16 million a year, equivalent to almost the entire population of Australia.

The Hyderabad-based Indian Institute of Health and Family Welfare believes that barbers can be trained to tell villagers how to use condoms. A training programme is getting under way to give basic instructions, and each barber — there are usually five or six in any village — will be given piles of government-issue condoms to hand out.

## Taleban detains Euro aid chief in filming row

FROM TIM JOHNSTON IN KABUL

ARMED religious police of the Islamic Taleban yesterday held Emma Bonino, the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid, and 18 other people for more than three hours after pictures of women were taken in an Afghan hospital.

Signora Bonino said she had been frightened by the experience. "I was scared because they were fully armed and had Kalashnikovs pointed at us," she said after her release. The commissioner was arrested on a visit to a women's hospital.

Taleban accused journalists with her of taking photographs of women, an offence under the movement's regulations. She said that the experience had given her taste of what Afghans go through every day. "This is an example of how people live here, in a situation of random terror."

Filippo di Robilant, spokesman for Signora Bonino, said that the journalists accompanying her were unaware of the

restrictions on filming, and stopped as soon as they were asked. "[Bonino] went upstairs to talk to the director of the clinic. Meanwhile, the press had entered the wards. No one had told them not to. They had been filming for ten minutes and when they were told to stop they packed up," he said.

All 19 were released after the television crews accompanying Signora Bonino agreed to hand over video cassettes.

Haji Habibullah, a security official, said earlier that Signora Bonino and the others had been "arrested because they did not have any letters from the authorities and they were taking pictures of women."

"It is the policy of Taleban that no unrelated man may take pictures of women. They were brought in for this offence. The head of the hospital came to complain to us that they were taking pictures." Taleban banned all photographs of living beings, saying that they are un-Islamic, when it captured Kabul last September.

Signora Bonino leaves detention in Kabul in a Red Cross car. The rifle symbol indicates no weapons are inside



Emma Bonino leaves detention in Kabul in a Red Cross car. The rifle symbol indicates no weapons are inside

## Narrow victory for Singapore leader in defamation case

FROM CHRISTOPHER LYDGATE  
IN SINGAPORE



Jeayaretnam: felt case was a ruse to exclude him from Parliament

A HIGH Court judge has awarded damages of more than £28,000 against a veteran Singaporean opposition politician for defamation of Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister.

But the award was a tenth of what Mr Goh had asked for and Joshua "Ben" Jeayaretnam, the 71-year-old leader of the Workers' Party, was told to pay only 60 per cent of the legal costs. The judge said the Prime Minister's lawyers had overstated their case.

Judge S. Rajendran awarded the Prime Minister damages of \$3,100 for remarks made by Mr Jeayaretnam at an election rally in January, when the opposition figure told the crowd he had just heard about two police reports in which leaders of the ruling People's Action Party were accused of criminal conspiracy and lying. The reports had been filed by Mr Jeayaretnam's running mate, Tang Liang Hong. "The Prime Minister

is entitled to his reputation no less than the ordinary citizen," the judge wrote in his 142-page summing up.

"While there is an undeniable public interest in protecting freedom of speech as means of exposing wrongdoing or abuse of office by public officials, there is an equal public interest in allowing those public officials to execute their duties unfettered by false aspersions." A solicitor from Allen Gedhill, the Prime Minister's law firm, said the judgment

vindicated Mr Goh. Mr Jeayaretnam commented: "It could have been worse." He said that he had not yet decided whether or not to appeal.

The case has generated controversy both locally and internationally because it strikes at the heart of one of Singapore's most sensitive political issues — whether the ruling party uses laws to hobbles the Opposition. Observers from Amnesty International, the International Commission of Jurists and various foreign em

### Trial judge respected for fairness

SINGAPORE'S legal community were surprised when they learned that High Court Judge S. Rajendran would be presiding over one of the most politically sensitive trials Singapore has seen in years (Christopher Lydgate writes).

Some of Singapore's most senior judges have close links to the ruling party — hardly sur

prising in a one-party political system. But Judge Rajendran is not one of them. Although he could hardly be called an anti-establishment figure, the 59-year-old judge has demonstrated his willingness to make controversial rulings, and along the way has forged a reputation as an eminently fair and reasonable jurist. "He's liked and respect-

ed," said Dr Myint Soe, one of the few lawyers willing to speak on the record about Mr Rajendran.

One lawyer who knew him before he became a judge, said: "Everything he told me he lived up to. When I heard he was to be the judge in the Jeayaretnam case, I thought that was the best chance Jeayaretnam had."

cocktail" that caused Mr Goh tremendous political damage, because it led the audience to believe the PAP leaders had committed criminal offences. Under cross-examination, however, Mr Goh admitted that he himself had authorised the contents of the police reports to be leaked to the press.

For his part, Mr Jeayaretnam contended that the suits against him were a "purely political" effort to bankrupt him and drive him out of Parliament. His British lawyer, George Carman QC, waged a blistering cross-examination of the Prime Minister, in which he suggested that Singapore leaders only paid "lip service" to democracy in their efforts to "stifle the Opposition".

Mr Goh and ten fellow leaders of the ruling party brought eight cases of libel against Mr Jeayaretnam, and Mr Goh's was taken as a test which would determine the rulings in them all. There will now be damage hearings in the other suits.

## Reagan's memoirs snubbed first wife

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

RONALD REAGAN excluded his first wife, Jane Wyman, from the original draft of his memoirs, making no reference to his life with her, the book's editor has disclosed.

According to Michael Korda, who edited *An American Life*, which was published in 1990, the former American President had to be coaxed to restore his former wife to the account.

Writing in *The New Yorker* magazine, published yesterday, Korda recounts an early encounter with Mr Reagan at his retirement home in California. They were meeting to discuss the first draft of the autobiography and Korda was worried that Reagan had refused even to mention his

first wife, Jane Wyman, in the book. The editor "feared that this hiatus might cause reviewers to question Reagan's willingness to face facts".

When he raised the question of omitting Ms Wyman, who is now 83, "Reagan's benign expression didn't change, but his eyes became a little frosty". The former President then said that "there was no point in going into all that stuff". In fact, he "hardly remembered a thing about his marriage to Jane... it was all water under the bridge."

Korda persisted, pointing out that since they had a daughter from the marriage, it "wasn't quite all water under the bridge". If Mr Reagan, now 89, left out of his book "was that."



Jane Wyman: "Water under the bridge"

## 'Empty chair' for Oklahoma bomb trial

FROM TOM RHODES  
IN WASHINGTON

WHEN jury selection began yesterday in the trial of Terry Nichols, allegedly the "silent partner" in America's worst act of terrorism, an empty chair stood between the jury box and the main table used by federal prosecutors.

His alleged accomplice in the Oklahoma bombing, Timothy McVeigh, was sentenced to death in the same Denver courtroom in June, a trial which the Nichols defence team studied with the utmost care.

As a result, his lawyers, led by Michael Tigay, argued strenuously for the concession to maintain an empty chair between the jury box and the prosecution team. They said the proximity of government lawyers fostered a subconscious bond between them and jurors during the McVeigh trial.

Mr Nichols, 42, is the second man charged in the conspiracy to cause the bombing, the devastating explosion in the American heartland two years ago that killed 168 adults and children.

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# Russian mafia in Colombia drug link

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI  
TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON  
AND ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

THE Russian mafia has teamed up with Colombian drug traffickers operating cocaine smuggling routes through the Caribbean to Europe and the United States, according to American and European officials.

Officials say the Russian mafiosi — police like to call them "Reddiels" — have established a beachhead in Miami, from where many of their illegal activities are being organised.

The spreading tentacles of the Russian mafia were made apparent in February this year when federal agents swooped on a Miami strip club named Porky's where undercover agents say there was more than the usual adult entertainment on offer. Ludwig Fairberg, the club's owner, was the alleged mid-

Russian gangsters have established a criminal beachhead in Miami from which to organise their smuggling of cocaine in a lucrative alliance with the Colombian traffickers

deman for an international drugs and arms smuggling conspiracy involving the sale of Colombian cocaine to Europe in return for Russian military equipment, including helicopters and even a diesel submarine. In a separate case, agents also arrested two Lithuanians in July after they allegedly tried to sell Russian shoulder-fired missiles for \$330,000 (£206,000) to undercover agents posing as Colombian drug dealers.

The investigation uncovered an alleged trafficking network that

shipped cocaine from South America to St Petersburg in Russia packed in cargoes of iced shrimp.

Officials say meetings between Colombian traffickers and Russian mobsters have also taken place in a number of Caribbean islands. The Washington Post reported yesterday that Russian ships have delivered guns in exchange for drugs in the Colombian port of Turbo.

Apart from drugs and guns running, the Russian gangs are also suspected of involvement in money-laundering and highly sophisticated

bank and financial frauds. "They have got more money than God, and they are more ruthless than the '20s Prohibition gangsters," Kenneth Rijock, a Miami financial crimes consultant, said.

Russians, suspected of ties to organised crime groups have opened more than a dozen offshore banks around the Caribbean suspected of laundering drug money. With limited regulation, Antigua, St Maarten and Aruba have become havens for dirty money.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, organised Russian crime syndicates have formed relations with their criminal counterparts in 50 countries and operate some 200 groups worldwide. It is estimated that at least 24 Russian gangs operate across the US.

The US branch of the Russian mafia started in New York, where

they blended easily with a large émigré community. But in recent years they began moving south to Florida for its climate and business potential, including ties with Latin American drug traffickers.

A two-year US study published yesterday by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies records a panoply of criminal activity under the umbrella of Russian mafia groups. Drawing on access to the FBI and CIA, the report concluded Russian organised crime was expanding in Central and Western Europe, the US, Canada, Israel, South Africa as well as Latin America. The report cites the illicit transfer every month of \$1 billion from Russia to Cyprus.

They are engaged in every possible area of crime, including drug trafficking, extortion, large-scale car theft, international prostitution and

smuggling of aliens, bank fraud, tax fraud, metals smuggling, illegal arms dealing and contract murder.

Left unchecked, the report states, Russia is in danger of becoming a "criminal-syndicalist state" under the control of corrupt government bureaucrats, politicians, businessmen and criminals. This poses threat to the security interests of the US "by fostering instability in a nuclear-armed major power".

Russian police have expressed their concern about a huge growth in the trafficking of illegal drugs over the past few years. Arkadi Kuznetsov, of the Interior Ministry, said there are plenty of people who think nothing of spending up to £2,000 in an evening at a night club.

"We used to think of Russia as a land of drink, not drugs." In Communist times, even cannabis was comparatively little known.

THE Internal Revenue Service has suspended mid-level managers after accusations last week in front of a United States Senate committee that its agents harassed American taxpayers, particularly the poorest families.

The suspensions, disclosed yesterday by Newsweek, appear to fulfil the revenue service's pledge to the Senate that it would investigate vigorously the dozens of horror stories, recounted last week, which triggered furious public protests across America.

Speaking from behind screens, their voices electronically disguised, revenue service agents told the Senate how their performance was measured solely on the number of seizures and fines they imposed, and how they found it easiest to meet their targets by chasing poor families and small businesses who were financially unsophisticated and could not afford legal advice. Taxpayers told the Senate how they were pursued relentlessly for taxes they did not owe or had tried to pay.

The hearings were particularly explosive because earlier investigations by a congressional commission and Congress's General Accounting Office failed to find evidence of widespread abuse of power. The disclosures have fed a belief among many Americans that the tax authorities, as agents of the much-misunderstood Government in Washington, are vindictive, unfair and sometimes politically motivated. Paula Jones, who has accused President Clinton of sexual harassment, has said that she has come under revenue service investigation.

Newsweek also reported that it had obtained a copy of a memorandum from the service's Arkansas-Oklahoma office setting out the rules for evaluating agents on the basis of taxes they collected. If confirmed, this could be in breach of agreed procedures. Dick Armey, House majority leader, has promised to put forward legislation by the end of the year to curb abuses.

## Repentant men go on the march for family gospel

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THEY sob as they hug each other, swear they love their families and God, and promise to be better fathers and husbands. Washington is bracing itself for the arrival on Saturday of the Promise Keepers, the controversial Christian men's movement which has swept the country in just seven years.

"We're not focusing on men's rights," says Paul Edwards, the Promise Keepers' vice-president. "We're looking at men's wrongs and how God can help us make them right."

Forget the male backlash against feminism: Promise Keepers' tone is abject. Members, mostly middle-aged, thicker and balding, beg forgiveness for breaking promises to their families, confessing everything from infidelity and wife-beating to failure to unload the dishwasher or read bedtime stories. The group admits only men, as it believes they are primarily responsible for family breakdown and that the traditional emphasis on "God the Father" has been eroded in modern religion.

In Washington, politicians are bemused by the notion that as many as half a million men will march on Capitol Hill — but will demand reform only from themselves, not the nation's lawmakers. The Christian Coalition, the political face of the Religious Right, has been jolted at the emergence of a headline-grabbing rival.

Most criticism has come from Boulder, Colorado, where the group's founder, Bill McCartney, lives. Warren Hern, head of the Boulder Abortion Clinic, told The Washington Post that Promise Keepers was "a fascist movement" which gave "psychological protection" to those who shot at the clinic. "Coach McCartney wants political power. He's poison."

But in money terms Promise Keepers demands attention. In seven years it has acquired 360 staff; last year it had a revenue of \$96 million (£60 million) from donations at its 50,000-strong rallies.

It all began when Mr McCartney, 57, a former football coach, had a vision. Known as "Coach", he made his name when he took the Colorado Buffaloes, the state university team, to the No.1 spot in 1991, earning him the title of "Coach of the Year". He always claimed God was on his sideline.

## Browned-off driver sues over hair-dye sacking

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT  
IN TOKYO

A LORRY driver sacked for dyeing his hair is suing his employer of six years for unfair dismissal in what lawyers call a landmark test of human rights in Japan.

Yoshiaki Nishiura, 25, lost his job in July when he fol-

lowed a fashion popular with a growing number of young Japanese of both sexes and turned into a *chapatsu* — a person with dyed brown hair.

He had apologised and returned his hair to its natural black before being fired. His employer, Suguru Yamaga, 56, who runs a trucking company in Kitakyushu,

maintain a professional appearance to make a good impression," he said.

Hiashi Ikeda, a journalist and social commentator, said: "Japanese firms expect all employees to look the same, and think the same. When you enter a company, you sign away your human rights."



Mir crew reaps cosmic harvest

Astronaut David Wolf holds a pack of fruit taken into space for Mir's crew, watched by Pavel Vinogradov, the space station's flight engineer. The American, who arrived on the US space shuttle *Atlantis*, is to replace Michael Foale, the British

born astronaut, on Mir. Yesterday the two crews were busy loading supplies from the US craft onto the Russian orbiting outpost. Vladimir Solovyov, flight director, told a televised news conference from Mission Control at Korolev, outside Moscow: "For now, everything's ahead of schedule. We're very pleased."

■ Delhi: India yesterday for the first time used its own rocket to launch a major satellite, marking a turning point in the country's space programme. (Reuters, AP)

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## Chinese start to execute by lethal injection

FROM REUTERS  
IN BEIJING

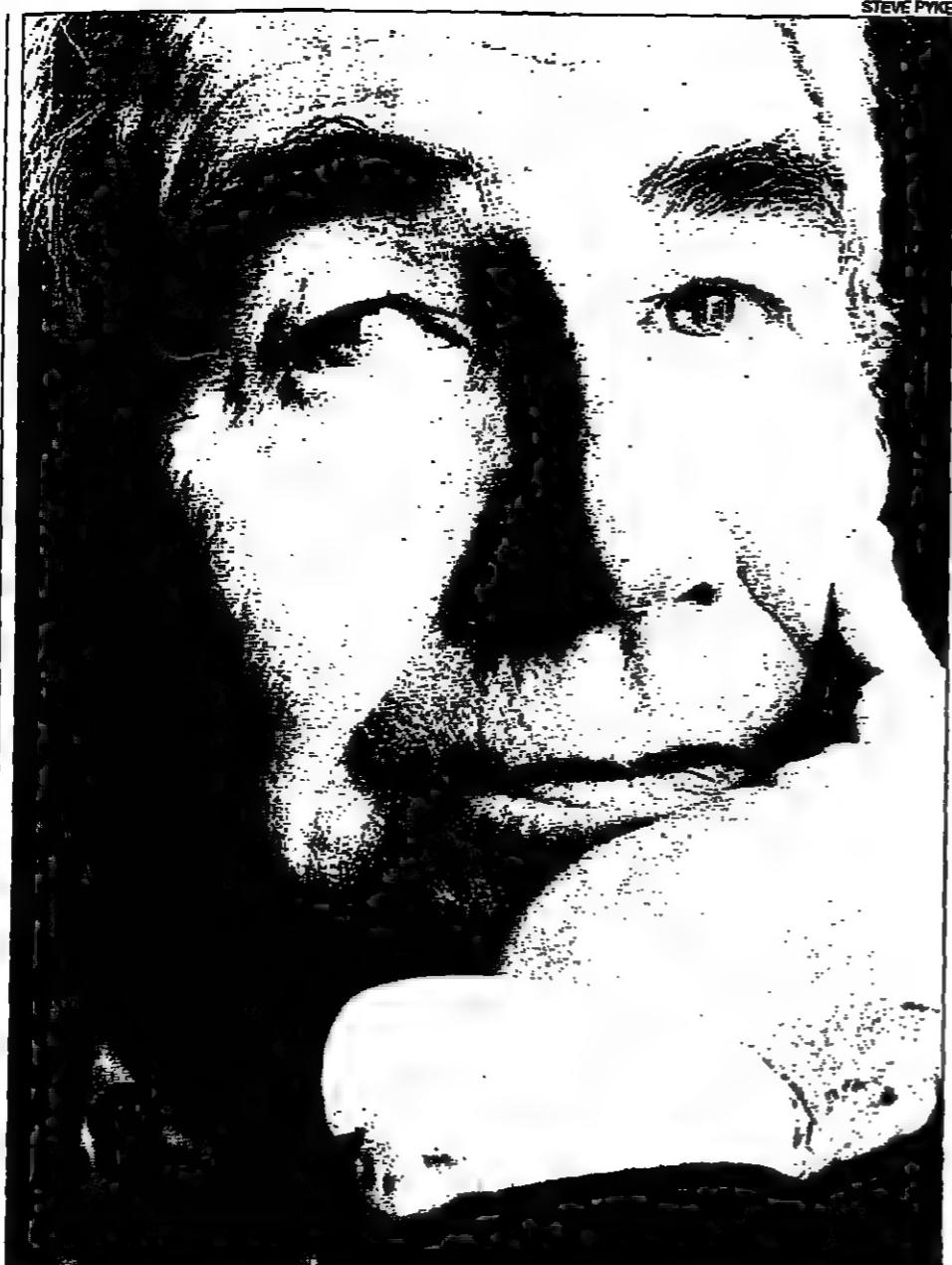
CHINA has secretly executed more than 20 convicts using lethal injection in experiments to find an alternative to the firing squad, a state newspaper has reported.

Officials were so satisfied with the results that China may stop using the bullet, the *Liaoning Daily Weekend*, available in Beijing yesterday, said.

Prisoners relieved to be spared the firing squad, rolled up their sleeves for the injection and some even expressed gratitude, the paper said. Lethal injection was approved by a criminal law that took effect on January 1. China executed at least 4,367 people by firing squad last year, more than the total of executions for the rest of the world.

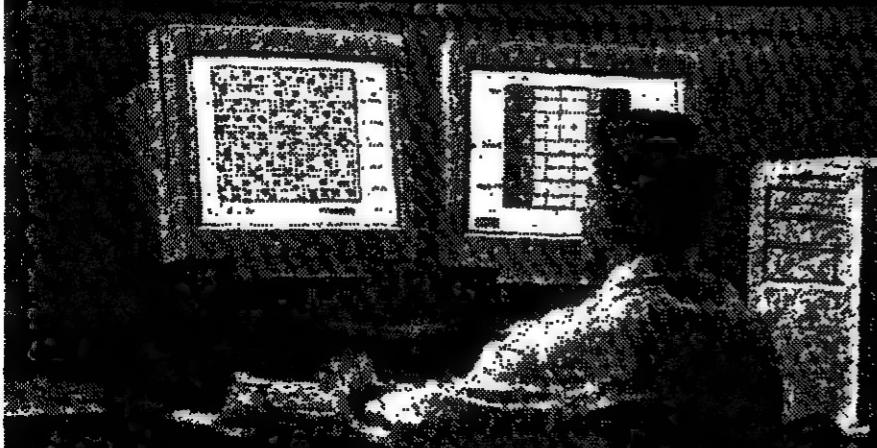
Lethal injection has been used 22 times since March under the administration of the Kunming Intermediate People's Court in the southwestern province of Yunnan, the newspaper said. Yunnan is the centre of a flourishing illegal drugs trade and executes many traffickers.

The Yunnan experiments were judged so successful that the method is undergoing further study in Beijing by the Supreme Court and the Ministry of Health.

Baudrillard, *Liberation* columnist among those accused of obscure jargon

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# Assault on intellectual 'impostors' of France

Ben Macintyre reports from Paris on a Left Bank furore over claims by American and Belgian academics that French philosophers are talking tosh

MODERN French philosophy is pretentious, verbose and often utterly meaningless, according to an incendiary new book which has provoked fury among Paris intellectuals and prompted a bout of introspection that is intense even by French standards.

In a blistering denunciation of many notable and trendy thinkers, two prominent non-French scientists have come up with a simple but devastating critique: "We can demonstrate that if they seem unintelligible, this is for the good reason that they do not want to say anything."

*Impostures Intellectuelles* by Alan Sokal, an American physicist, and his Belgian co-author, Jean Bricmont, takes on the exponents of structuralism, post-structuralism, and post-modernism, and singles out such celebrated French writers as Régis Debray, the high-profile left-wing philosopher, psychoanalyst-mathematician Jacques Lacan, semiologist Julia Kristeva and Jean Baudrillard, the *Liberation* columnist who most often describes himself as a thinker.

The authors of the broadside claim that by mixing pseudo-science with convoluted language, sociological theory and obscurantism, French intellectuals have pioneered a form of "intellectual terrorism" - daunting, superficially erudite and often quite unintelligible.

"Deliberately obscure writing and the intellectual dishonesty that accompanies it is

poisoning a part of intellectual life," Messrs Sokal and Bricmont insist. They take particular issue with the misappropriation of scientific terms and what they see as the tendency of modern French thinkers to lapse into "excess verbiage" and "wild imaginings".

Mr Sokal gained notoriety last year when he published a long, jargon-filled article in *Social Text*, an American university journal, and then announced it was "complete nonsense". To bolster their case the critics quote from their targets' circumlocutory



Debray: singled out for heavy criticism

effusions. What, if anything, did Julia Kristeva mean when she wrote: "The notion of constructibility, which implies the axiom of choice associated with all we have put together for the poetic language, explains the impossibility of establishing a contradiction in the space of the language of poetry." Mr Sokal, who teaches at New York University, asserts: "She has a vague idea of what she is talking about, but not much more."

M Baudrillard's bizarre and long-winded theories about "multiple refraction in hyperspace" come in for a similar

pasting: "In physics, the word space exists, as does hyperspace and refraction. But multiple refractions in hyperspace? ... It appears to be scientific, but in fact it is as pompous as it is meaningless," Mr Sokal says.

The suggestion that some of the greatest minds in France are talking total tosh has prompted a predictable patriotic riposte. "This is war. The Left Bank is on fire," declared *Le Figaro*, while *Le Nouvel Observateur* magazine devoted several pages to the row beneath the headline: "Are our philosophers impostors?"

Mme Kristeva muttered about "francophobia" and suggested the attack was part of a wider cultural battle. Pascal Bruckner, author and academic, defended his compatriots, saying that, while the Anglo-Saxon intellectual approach is rooted in "facts and information", French thinking is based on "style". Nothing is straightforward in modern French thought. To quote M Baudrillard: "In the Euclidean space of history, the most rapid route from one point to another is the straight line but, in the non-Euclidean space at the end of the century, a baleful curvature ineluctably diverts every trajectory. Linked, no doubt, to the sphericity of time visible at the horizon of the end of the century like the Earth's horizon at the day's end) or to the subtle distortion of the field of gravity."

## German Greens attack work permit curbs on foreigners

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN FRANKFURT

THE German Green Party has warned the Government against blaming foreigners for the country's high unemployment rate and seeking ways to prevent them working here, as outlined in a new Labour Ministry paper.

The party accuses the Government of seeking a scapegoat for Germany's economic ills and adding weight to a widely held but naive view that foreigners take away jobs from unemployed Germans by undercutting wages and accepting intolerable working conditions.

"Germany has already had appalling experiences with this kind of theory," Marianne Beck, the Green Party's labour market spokeswoman, said in reference to the Nazis and their use of racist propaganda.

Included in the report which was drawn up by Norbert Blüm, the Labour Minister, and leaked by the mass circu-

lating *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper, there are plans to tighten restrictions on work permits granted to non-European Union nationals and to impose heavy fines on companies or individuals caught illegally employing foreigners.

In addition to the four million foreigners who live in Germany, a nation of 82 million, an estimated 250,000 arrive in the country every year in search of work.

The new plans, which are due to be presented to MPs this week, will greatly affect fruit and vegetable harvests when farmers rely on Eastern Europeans to pick crops quickly and cheaply.

The most lucrative of these is the spring asparagus harvest. It is back-breaking work which must be completed swiftly before crops spoil, but brings a fortune for farmers at the end of a four-week asparagus eating frenzy in homes and restaurants throughout

the country. Germany's powerful farming associations have frequently complained that long-term welfare recipients sent out to help in the fields are lazy and uncooperative and many landowners claim that, without foreign workers, they would be unable to remain competitive.

The Government claims that measures to curb the number of foreigners employed in Germany is necessary to bring down the 11 per cent jobless rate.

"We want to put a stop to this inflow with these measures," said Peter Ramsauer, a social policy expert for the conservative Bavarian Christian Social Union, adding that an economic upturn had had little effect on the labour market.

The fine for illegally employing foreigners could be increased from £35 to £178 for every worker, according to the new report.

## Albright piles on pressure for peace

FROM JAMES BONE  
IN NEW YORK

THE United States yesterday put pressure on Israel and the Palestinians to return to the negotiating table in an effort to defuse the growing tension in the Middle East caused by Hamas suicide bombings and Israel's plans for new building in Palestinian areas.

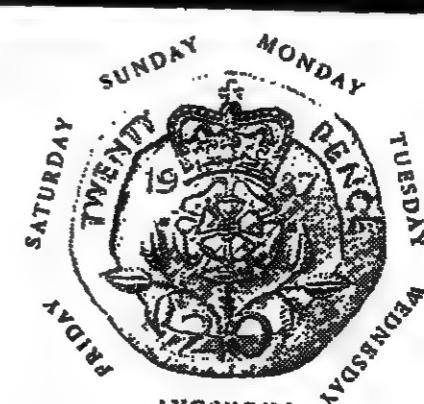
Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State, met her Israeli counterpart, David Levy, in the morning and the two were scheduled to hold a three-way session with Abu Marzouq, the Palestinian negotiator.

Palestinian and Israeli negotiators were expected to restart talks in the eight joint committees set up to deal with such questions as Palestinian prisoners, free transit between Gaza and the West Bank, the construction of a seaport in Gaza, and the opening of an airport there.

Both Israel and the Palestinians made goodwill gestures over the weekend. Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, released \$17 million (£10.5 million) in frozen Palestinian funds and increased the number of Palestinians allowed into Israel, while Yasir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority, ordered a crackdown on Hamas Islamic militants.

Pushing for movement towards peace, Ms Albright, who visited the region this month, had breakfast yesterday with the foreign ministers of Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Bahrain.

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Gates: increase of \$400m every week

## \$39bn Gates heads wealth league

By TUNKU VARADARAJAN  
IN NEW YORK

BILL GATES has overtaken the Sultan of Brunei as the richest person in the world, according to the latest list of the wealthy published here yesterday by *Forbes* magazine.

The 41-year-old chairman of Microsoft increased his net worth last year by \$400 million (£248 million) every week.

Surfing on the crest of a stock market wave, in which his company's stock has more than doubled in worth over the past two months, Mr Gates' net worth has soared from \$18.5 billion in 1996 to \$39.8 billion at the latest count.

This surge has pushed him past the Sultan of Brunei, whose wealth is computed at \$38 billion. The sultan's fortune, however, was inherited. Mr Gates built his software empire from scratch.

The *Forbes* list — of the 400 wealthiest Americans — listed Warren Buffett, 67, as the second richest person in the country. He is referred to as "the world's most successful investor", and is worth \$21 billion.

The upper echelons of the list are dominated by software and computer barons. Others listed are Paul Allen, the co-founder of Microsoft, worth \$17 billion; at No 3; Lawrence Ellison, of Oracle Software, worth \$9.2 billion; and Gordon Moore, of Intel Corporation, worth \$8.8 billion.

Ted Turner, the media mogul, is in 28th place, but would plummet to 55th if he donates the \$1 billion which he promised recently to the United Nations.

The magazine predicted that Michael Dell, the Texas billionaire owner of Dell Computers, ranked 16th in the list, could be the "next Bill Gates". His net worth increased fivefold last year to \$5.5 billion.

# Looters descend on Assisi to pilfer art pieces

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE two Franciscan friars killed in Friday's Umbria quake were buried at Assisi yesterday amid reports that pieces of damaged art works, including a great 13th-century fresco by Cimabue destroyed in the disaster, are being sold on the black market.

The Pope, who has expressed his "intense grief" over the tragedy, sent Cardinal Roger Etchegaray of France — a leading candidate for the papal succession — to preside over the funeral of Father Angelo, Apl. 48, and Borowec Zazislaw, a 24-year-old novice from Poland who had only been in Assisi for a few days.

The two friars were crushed by masonry when a second earthquake struck Assisi last Friday morning while they were examining damage in the Basilica of Saint Francis caused by the first earthquake during the night.

Two art surveyors employed by the office of the Umbria Superintendent of Fine Arts, Bruno Brunacci, 40, and Claudio Bugianiella, 45, were also killed by rubble when the great vaulted ceiling collapsed. They were buried on Sunday, amid claims by their relatives that the authorities should not have allowed inspection teams inside the basilica while there was a serious risk of a second earthquake.

The Italian Government has set aside \$500 million (£31 million) for the relief effort in Umbria and Marche, and leading fashion designers such as Armani, Ferre and Santo Versace have also contributed substantial sums.

Experts said it would be

some weeks before the true extent of the damage to the basilica was known. But the Franciscans hope to reopen the lower church, which contains the undamaged tomb of the saint, in time for celebrations of the feast day of St Francis on Saturday. About 30,000 pilgrims are expected, and police are planning intensive security measures.

Antonio Paolucci, the former Culture Minister who is overseeing the restoration, said repairs to the upper church, where works by Giotto and Cimabue were damaged, would take months.

Police said they were concerned that tourists were picking up rubble and fragments of ruined buildings as souvenirs. All the churches have now been shut, with armed guards placed on the doors and gates for fear of looting. Services are held in the open.

The police said thieves were attempting to profit from the tragedy, and the going rate for a yellow-and-blue fragment of the destroyed Cimabue fresco, *The Four Evangelists*, was said to be £200. "It is being sold off like bits of the Berlin Wall," the *Corriere della Sera* newspaper said.

Giorgio Bartolini, the Mayor of Assisi, said he had wanted to close the centre of the hilltop town to visitors, but businesses had objected.

About 80 per cent of Assisi's revenue derives from tourism, and it is Italy's fourth most popular destination after Rome, Venice and Florence.

The 28 celebrated frescoes by Giotto on the *Life of St Francis* are intact, although they are covered in dust and

the extent of any damage will not be known until they are cleaned. Sixty square yards of frescoes in the nave have been destroyed. Some are thought to be by the young Giotto.

The authorities have stepped up security to guard retrieved fragments. Restorers, many of them volunteers, are using painstaking, labour-intensive techniques similar to those used after the Second

World War in historic cities such as Padua. "It is a labour of love," Signor Paolucci said. They are saving tiny painted fragments. But the frescoes will never be the same again."

Seismologists said the damage would have been worse if the lower church had not absorbed the vibrations.

About 80 per cent of the housing in Assisi was damaged, and 40 per cent of the

housing in surrounding areas has been evacuated. Thousands of local residents, many elderly, are continuing to spend the chilly nights in temporary shelters. The homeless bitterly complain that the world is more concerned about the Giotto and Cimabue frescoes than about homeless human beings.

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## British crash victim had just arrived in Indonesia

FROM A SPECIAL  
CORRESPONDENT  
IN JAKARTA

PETER WILSON, one of two Britons killed in the air crash in the Indonesian island of Sumatra last Friday, had arrived in the country only the day before and was on the plane because his intended flight had been cancelled, it emerged yesterday.

The remains of the second Briton in the crash, named by the British Embassy in Jakarta as Sally Horsman, and

thought to have been in her thirties, have not been identified. No further information about her has been released.

It is not known what caused the crash 20 miles outside the north Sumatran city of Medan, but an unofficial transcript of the last conversation between the pilot and the Medan airport control tower released yesterday shows that they confused the words left and right in deciding which way the pilot should turn.

His sight of the runway was hindered by the choking smog

that has blanketed South-East Asia for weeks, but it is not known to what extent this contributed to the crash. The "black box" flight and data recorders have still not been recovered.

Mr Wilson, 42, was a freelance consultant who had been employed by PT Ericsson Indonesia, the telecommunications company, to supervise a building project in north Sumatra, a company spokesman said yesterday.

The British Embassy said: "We believe Sally Horsman is among the three unidentified Caucasian women who

are in the hospital in Medan. She was not buried in the mass grave this morning." The woman's relatives were so distraught by her death that they were not allowing any personal details to be released.

Thousands of people gathered at the cemetery outside Medan for the mass burial of the 48 Indonesians who remained unidentified from the crash. They were buried in a single grave with only male or female signs on the coffins. All 234 people on board the Airbus were killed. The haze and

smog cleared over much of Borneo and parts of Malaysia and Sumatra after it rained yesterday. But it remained thick in many areas.

Caltex, a joint venture between Chevron and Texaco, the American oil companies, began yesterday to evacuate its employees from eastern Sumatra.

## THE TIMES/DILLONS FORUM

### An evening with Stephen Fry

STEPHEN FRY, whose public face is internationally well known, reveals his private face in this Times/Dillons forum, on Tuesday October 7. He will be in conversation with Nicholas Wapshot. The discussion will cover his days at boarding school, the beatings he survived, the love he felt, the misery he suffered, his love of travel and subsequently his successful career. The forum, which marks the publication of his autobiography, *Moab is my Washpot* (Hutchinson, £16.99) will be held at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (concessions £7.50), which includes £2 off the price of the book. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions. Subject to demand this event will be interpreted in sign language.

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Mostar's old Turkish bridge, which lasted from 1566 until it was destroyed by a Croat bombardment in 1993

## Bridge salvage begins in Mostar

FROM TOM WALKER  
IN MOSTAR

THE painstaking process of rebuilding Bosnia's most famous bridge began yesterday as Hungarian divers helped to retrieve a broken slab of arch from the icy Neretva river in Mostar.

The town's old Turkish bridge, built in 1566, was blown up by Croat forces in November 1993 as they attempted to isolate a Muslim pocket on the Neretva's west bank.

Yesterday was billed as a milestone of ethnic reconciliation, but few Croats were on hand to watch Hungarian Nato troops manoeuvre a Heaviside Robinson-type barge beneath the bridge's foundations and the gaze of President Izetbegovic of Bosnia.

"Almost four years ago the bridge was killed; this bridge with a soul," he said. "Since then we have dreamt of this day." The block of stone was

lifted by two cranes from the barge and placed on a platform to applause from crowds on both banks. It is estimated that the Hungarian team will need at least six months to retrieve the reusable stone from the 30ft-deep river.

Mr Izetbegovic's language had calmed since his last speech in Mostar in July, when he said there were

individuals among the Croats who have not only disgraced the Croatian peoples, but mankind too".

Little love is lost between the town's Muslim and Croat communities, and there was widespread surprise when Krešimir Zubak, the Croat representative on Bosnia's state presidency, turned up for the ceremony. At the

weekend, Slobodan Praljak, the Croat general who destroyed the bridge with grenade and tank fire, said he would do so again if necessary.

A senior UN official at the ceremony admitted the rebuilding was "more a symbol of division" likely to anger a west-bank Croat community obsessed with the notion that the West favours the Muslims. Revisionist theory circulating in the town even claims that rogue Muslim forces blew up the bridge.

The Unesco representative to Bosnia, Colin Kaiser, said there was still no definite offer to rebuild the bridge once the Hungarian stone-lifting operation was completed.

Today, a memorial in honour of Major-General Gerry Hulme, the British UN official who broke the aid blockade to Mostar in 1993, will be unveiled on Mostar's east bank. He died in 1995 of natural causes.

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## WORLD SUMMARY

### Algerian teachers murdered

Algiers: Militants descended on an Algerian village school near Sidi Bel Abes, 260 miles southwest of the capital, shooting or slashing to death 11 women teachers and the male instructor who tried to stop them as students looked on, witnesses said. The deaths were among 31 civilian killings in two weekend attacks.

Security forces killed 11 suspected members of the Armed Islamic Group, which is waging a terror campaign aimed at destabilising the Government. More than 500 civilians have been killed in bombings and massacres in the past month. (AP)

## Thinning Russia

Moscow: Russia's population, in decline since the collapse of the Soviet Union, has fallen to 147.2 million, down by 277,000 for the first half of this year. Demographers are blaming the soaring mortality rate and low birth rate on the country's protracted economic crisis and sharp deterioration in healthcare. (AP)

## Koreans' plea

Seoul: About 500 North Koreans who fled their impoverished communist country are seeking asylum in South Korea, a Seoul government report to parliament said. The 500 were among up to 1,600 North Koreans living in hiding in China, Russia and elsewhere, according to the document. (AP)

## £1bn drugs find

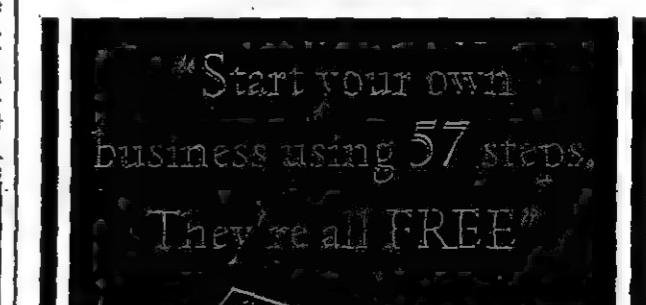
Tapia de Casariego: Police seized five tonnes of cocaine worth £1 billion, the largest drugs haul ever in Spain and the second biggest in Europe since 1990. The cocaine was found hidden in packets at the bottom of a 165ft cliff here in northwest Spain. A crane was used to recover them. One man was arrested. (AP)

## Fire kills 31

Santiago: At least 31 people, most of them children, were killed in a fire at a home for the mentally handicapped in the Colina suburb of the Chilean capital when a burning roof collapsed on residents' beds, officials said. Six residents were missing and three more were in hospital with severe injuries. (Reuters)

## Unhappy union

Brussels: Nearly a third of all marriages in the 15 countries of the European Union will end in divorce, according to a study by Eurostat, the EU's statistics office, which analysed 1995 figures. (AP)



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# Diana: a prisoner of the Palace

In our second extract from the foreword of Andrew Morton's book, *Diana, Her True Story - In Her Own Words*, he tells of the Princess's highs and lows during hours of interviews and the growing tension as Buckingham Palace stepped up the hunt for the royal mole

**F**or Diana, the act of talking about her life provoked many memories, some cheerful, others almost too difficult to put into words. Like a gust of wind across a field of corn, her moods endlessly fluctuated. While she was candid, even whimsical, about her eating disorder, bulimia nervosa, and her half-heard suicide attempts, she was at her lowest ebb when speaking about her days inside the Royal Family, "the dark ages", as she referred to them. Time and again she emphasised her profound sense of destiny, a belief that she would never become Queen, as well as her awareness that she had been singled out for a special role. She knew in her heart that it was her fate to travel a road where the monarchy was secondary to her true vocation. With hindsight, her words have a remarkable presence.

At times she was unusually animated, particularly when talking about her short life as a bachelor girl. She spoke wistfully about her romance with Prince Charles, sadly about her unhappy childhood, and with some passion about the effect Camilla Parker Bowles had had on her life. Indeed, she was so anxious not to be seen as paranoid or foolish, as she had been so often told by her husband's friends, that she showed us several letters and postcards from Mrs Parker Bowles to Prince Charles to prove that she was not imagining their relationship.

These billets-doux — passionate, loving and full of suppressed longing — left my publisher and me in absolutely no doubt that Diana's suspicions were correct. Nevertheless, as we were informed by a leading libel lawyer, under stringent British law, the fact that you know something to be true does not allow you to say it. Much to Diana's annoyance, and in spite of overwhelming evidence, I was never able to write that Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles were lovers. Instead I had to allude to a "secret friendship" that had cast a long shadow over the royal marriage.

I used the opportunity of

later interview sessions to fill in many of the gaps that were inevitably left by the first bruisingly honest and virtually seamless narrative of her life story. It took some weeks to appreciate just how powerful was her desire to speak out and, with hindsight, some of my questions were so obviously out of step with the reality of her life that it was inevitable that some of her answers were monosyllabic or simply uncomprehending. Indeed,

member of staff was lurking, the conversation continued with only a discreetly placed notepad present to jot down relevant material.

As I was working at one remove, I had to second-guess her moods and act accordingly. As a rule of thumb, mornings were the time when she was at her most articulate and energetic, particularly if Prince Charles was absent. Those interview sessions were the most productive, Diana speaking with a breathless haste as she poured out her story. She could be unnervingly blithe, even when talking about the most intimate and difficult periods of her life. When she first talked about her suicide attempts I naturally needed to know a great deal about when and where they had occurred. I subsequently submitted a raft of specific questions on the subject. When they were presented to her, she treated it as a bit of a joke. "He's pretty well written my obituary," she said to the interlocutor.

On the other hand, if a session was arranged for the afternoon, when her energy was low, her conversation was less fruitful. This was particularly so if she had had a bad press or a disagreement with her husband. Then it was usually sensible to focus on happy times, her memories of her bachelor days or her two children, Princes William and Harry. In spite of all these handicaps, it was clear as the weeks passed that her excitement and involvement with the project grew, especially when a title for the book was decided upon. For example, if she knew that I was interviewing a trusted friend, she would pass on a scrap of information, an anecdote or correction, relating to questions I had submitted earlier.

While she was desperate, almost to the point of impatience, to see her words appear before a wider public, this mood was tempered by a fear that Buckingham Palace would discover her identity as the "Deep Throat" of my book. As the publishing date approached, the tension at Kensington Palace became palpable. Her newly appointed private secretary, Patrick



Parker Bowles: Morton saw billets-doux

many events I referred to in my later questions, which the media had deemed significant, had little actual relevance to her life. It meant that the whole interviewing process was very much a hit-and-miss process, trawling through existing material in the hope of hitting on a subject that might spark a response and generate a fresh insight.

**J**ust as the questioning was haphazard, so was the process of gathering the information. I was often told, at very short notice, that Diana had a window of opportunity to answer questions. I would then quickly work out a series of queries relating to her life, pass them on and hope for the best. If her mood was engaged and interested and the questions relevant, then her answers were revealing and penetrating. Nonetheless, it was a draining process for her, the sessions rarely lasting much more than an hour at any one time. If a



The Princess in tears in Stockport in 1992, on the day that the contents of Andrew Morton's book were made public

Jephson, described the atmosphere as "like watching a slowly spreading pool of blood seeping from under locked doors". In January 1992 she was warned that Buckingham Palace was aware of her cooperation with the book, even though at that stage it did not know its contents. Nonetheless, she remained steadfast in co-operating with the venture. The tension was not entirely one-sided; I had been warned

on two separate occasions by Fleet Street colleagues that Buckingham Palace was looking hard for my mole. Shortly after one such warning, my offices were burgled and files rifled but nothing of consequence, apart from a camera, was stolen. From then on, a scrambler telephone and local payphones were the only sure way of speaking to her confidants without worrying that the conversations were being

bugged. This problem, however, had been anticipated fairly early on. From the first there was a need to give Diana deniability, developing various ploys so that when she was taken in for interrogation by the Palace guards, she could categorically disavow any involvement with the book. The first line of defence were her friends, who were used as cover to disguise her participation. So it tandem with writers

ing questions for the Princess. I sent out a number of begging letters to her circle of friends. They in turn contacted Diana to ask whether they should co-operate.

It was a patchy process. With some she was encouraging, with others ambivalent, depending on how well she knew them and how close they were to the true nature of the project. Many of those initially involved truly believed

life couldn't get any worse for Diana, arguing that anything was better than her situation at the time. There was a sense that the dam was about to burst at any moment. Diana's friends spoke with frankness and honesty, bravely aware that their actions would bring the media spotlight upon them. As the Princess herself explained during her television interview: "A lot of people saw the distress that my life was in, and they felt it was a supportive thing to help in the way that they did."

Her friend and astrologer, Debbie Frank, confirmed this mood when she spoke about Diana's life in the months before the book's publication: "There were times when I would leave a meeting with Diana feeling anxious and concerned because I knew her way was blocked. When Andrew Morton's book was published I was relieved, because the world was let into her secret."

As my interviews progressed, her friends and other acquaintances confirmed that behind the public smiles and glamorous image was a lonely and unhappy young woman who endured a loveless marriage, was seen as an outsider by the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family and was frequently at odds with the aims and objectives of the royal system. Yet one of the heartening aspects of the story was how Diana was striving, with mixed success, to come to terms with her life; a transformation from a victim to a woman in control of her destiny. It was a process that the Princess continued until the very end.

**A**s the project gained momentum, the acid test came when the Princess read the manuscript. It was delivered to her piecemeal at any and every opportunity. Late one Saturday morning, for example, I cycled to the Brazilian Embassy in Mayfair, where the Princess was having lunch with the Ambassador's wife, Lucia Flecha de Lima, so that I could pass on the latest offering. Having been given the opportunity to write the story of the best-loved woman in the world, I was obviously anxious to know that I had fairly and accurately interpreted her sentiments and her words.

To my great relief, she read with approval her own words, which were liberally sprinkled throughout the text, either through direct quotation or in the third person. On one occasion, Diana was so moved by the poignancy of her own story that she confessed to weeping tears of sorrow. She made a number of alterations, of fact and emphasis, but only one of any significance, a change that gives an insight into her respect for the Queen. During the interviews she said that when she threw herself down the stairs at Sandringham

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YESTERDAY, The Times disclosed that Andrew Morton's explosive book on Diana, Princess of Wales, was, to all intents and purposes, an autobiography. Words attributed to the Princess's friends and sprinkled liberally throughout the text, published in 1992, were really from her own lips.

In all, the Princess gave Mr Morton six lengthy but secret interviews running to 18,000 words, plus informal assistance. This "personal testament", in which she speaks freely about the breakdown of her marriage, her suicide attempts and her rift with senior members of the Royal Family, forms the centrepiece of Mr Morton's revised book, *Diana, Her True Story - In Her Own Words*, to be published this weekend.

Yesterday, The Times ran part of Mr Morton's foreword to the new edition, in which he emphasises that because of the Princess's direct involvement the book's authenticity can no longer be in doubt — even though, at the time of its publication — she denied any involvement.

"What people have never realised is the extent of the Princess's commitment to my book," he writes. "The story contained in its pages came from her lips, the pain and heartache in her life revealed in a series of interviews at Kensington Palace during the summer and autumn of 1991.

There were no cameras lights, no rehearsals, no second takes. Her words came from the heart, outlining in graphic and, at times, agonising detail the sorrow and loneliness felt by a woman admired and adored around the world.

"Given the unfolding tragedy of her life and her untimely death, it is hard not to reread her words without shedding a tear. Today her testimony stands as an eloquent and unique witness before the tribunal of history."

Elsewhere, The Times re-

## WORDS THAT CAME FROM THE HEART

ported yesterday that the Princess's involvement went beyond the granting of hours of interviews. She made changes to the text, supplied photographs from the Spencer family albums, and even provided names and details for captions. She chose the famous cover picture by the French photographer Patrick Demarchelier. But all this was done in secret because she feared the wrath of Buckingham Palace.

Mr Morton writes that the Princess at that time as a "prisoner trapped inside a bitterly unfulfilled marriage, shackled to an unsympathetic royal system and chained to a wholly unrealistic public image of her life".

She felt under constant surveillance — by bodyguards, photographers, the

Royal Family and their courtiers. Growing away at her was the feeling that "her life was a grotesque and implausible lie". She knew that her marriage was, in effect, over, and that Prince Charles had returned to his first love, Camilla Parker Bowles. But the royal establishment would go to great lengths to conceal her husband's infidelity and dismissed her suspicions as fantasy and paranoia.

She also feared that Prince Charles's circle would soon begin to discredit her as "irrational" — unfit for motherhood or to represent the monarchy. She had a "nagging fear that at any moment her enemies in the Palace would have her classified as mentally ill and locked away". She was at odds with the

"men in grey suits" at the Palace who wanted her to remain an "attractive adornment to her intellectual husband".

"Like a prisoner condemned for a crime she did not commit, Diana had a crying need to tell the world the truth about her life, the distress she felt and the ambitions she nurtured . . ." Mr Morton writes. "She felt that if she was able to explain her story to the people, her people, they could truly understand her before it was too late. Let them be my judge", she said, confident that the public would not criticise her as harshly as the Royal Family or media."

At the same time, Mr Morton, who had left his staff job as a royal reporter on the *Daily Star* in 1987, was re-

searching a full-scale biography on the Princess's life. She turned to him after he wrote a series of articles sympathetic to her cause. But with Prince Charles still living at Kensington Palace, subterfuge was necessary. The Princess was interviewed by an intermediary, so that if she was asked whether she had met Mr Morton, she could answer "With a resounding 'No'."

Mr Morton writes: "I submitted endless written questions about every aspect of her life. In return, she answered as best she could. Her words spilt out of her, with her barely pausing for breath. It was a great release."

The Princess coined her own nickname for Mr Morton. Noah, after an American newspaper pompously described him as a "notable author and historian".

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# who longed to set herself free

ham while pregnant with Prince William, the Queen was the first on the scene. On the manuscript, Diana altered the text and inserted the Queen Mother's name, presumably out of deference to the Sovereign.

Even though a number of Diana's close friends were prepared to go on the record in order to underpin the authenticity of the text, the Princess accepted that the book needed a direct link with her own family in order to give it a necessary legitimacy. As a result she agreed to supply the Spencer family albums, containing endless delightful portraits of the growing Diana, many taken by her late father, Earl Spencer. One day several large red, gold-embossed family albums made their way to the office of my publisher, Michael O'Mara in South London. A number of photographs were selected, duplicated, and the albums returned. The Princess herself helped to identify many of the people who appeared in the photographs with her, a process she greatly enjoyed as it brought back many happy memories, particularly of her teenage years.

**S**he appreciated, too, the fact that, in order to make the book truly distinctive, we had to have a hitherto unpublished jacket picture. As it was out of the question that she attend a photo shoot, she herself chose and supplied the winsome Patrick Demarchelier cover photograph, which was one she kept in her study at Kensington Palace. This shot, and those of her and her children which were used inside, were her particular favourites.

When the book was published on June 16, 1992, she was relieved that at last her account was out, but desperately anxious that her cover story would hold water. She had to be able to deny involvement when she was put in the dock by the Palace. It was a part she played with aplomb. The author and TV star Clive James fondly recalled asking her over lunch whether she was behind the book. He wrote: "At least once, however, she lied to me outright: 'I really had nothing to do with that Andrew Morton book,' she said. 'But after my friends talked to him I had to stand by them.' She looked me straight in the eye when she said this, so I could see how plausible she could be when she was telling a whopper."

As a result of the necessary distance she put between herself and the book it meant that I, her friends and others, were effectively fighting her corner with one hand behind our back, in the face of the barrage of abuse and vilification which greeted the book's three central assertions, namely Diana's eating disorder, bulimia nervosa, her suicide attempts



Diana and a gillie on the Duke of Westminster's Scottish estate during her honeymoon

and Prince Charles's relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles, it is an understanding to say that it would have been helpful if she had announced her complete co-operation. Indeed, the animosity, scepticism and sheer vitriol with which the Establishment and their media acolytes first greeted the publication of my book graphically demonstrated the difficulties of presenting the truth to the British public. In the months following that

momentous event, the book not only altered the way the public viewed the monarchy and forced the Prince and Princess of Wales finally to address the ruins of their marriage, it also brought the one thing Diana had dreamt of — hope; the chance of fulfilment, of freedom and of a future where she was liberated at last to be a person in her own right.

In the past five years, particularly the last few months of her life, the world witnessed the flowering of Diana's true nature, qualities which would have remained buried if she had not had the courage and determination to tell her public about the reality of her life. Diana achieved that aim, and the public's verdict can be gauged by the mountain of flowers outside Kensington Palace and elsewhere, and the outpouring of grief that has convulsed not just her own country but the rest of the world.

**W**hile the public's image of Diana underwent an astonishing transformation when her story was told, I don't think she ever truly thought through the consequences of her actions. As she said on television when asked that question: "I don't know. Maybe people have a better understanding, maybe there's a lot of women out there who suffer on the same level but in a different environment who are unable to stand up for themselves because their self-esteem is cut in two."

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# No sniping, no flapping, no grousing

Peter Stothard sees a party pinioned by political taxidermists

The taxidermist's first task is to block up the bird's mouth with cotton wool. The second is to break both wings, first the left and then the right, as close as possible to the body. The third stage is to lay the bird on its back and replace its brains with sawdust or plaster-of-paris, before displaying it on the Brighton seafront.

Such was the art of the wealthy 19th-century naturalist, Edward Thomas Booth, whose legacy, locked in 300 glass cases, is one of the local attractions on show to Labour Party delegates this week. Such is the art too, protesters complain, of the political modernisers who have created the main show in town with a vision, brutality and obsessive attention to detail that would have surely made Brighton's great Victorian hunter proud to know them.

The Booth Museum was one of the first to show dead birds in lavishly painted likenesses to the fields, rocks and lakes where they once enjoyed life. It is a popular haunt for lovers of Victoriana, taxidermy and also of Brighton itself, where some of the great "bird stuffing" companies of the age had their headquarters. For that reason it is perhaps not the most cheerful place from which to contemplate one's fate as a corner-of-the-garden attendee of new Labour conferences. But the curators have ambitious expansion plans and hopes for lottery grants. They may not expect too many visitors to give up their festival of congratulation to drop by. But they are ever hopeful.

After the opening days, they know that the fun of the conference can quickly fade. In the Grand Hotel bar there are only so many kisses that can be exchanged. In the Metropole foyer there are only so many election souvenirs to be traded and jobs to be sought in the new empires of patronage. The defeat of Peter Mandelson in the NEC election was a rare success of the masses against the system. But once Gordon Brown has delivered his last millennial aspirations and Tony Blair has been seen on the closed-circuit TV (only the most privileged can guarantee themselves a seat to see him in the flesh), the delegates may want to leave their stiff wire cage around the Brighton Centre and look further afield.

In the Booth Museum they will find that at least only the birds are silent, stuffed and behind bars. Outside in the conference area, every would-be politician has to be so careful before they open their mouths that some might actually like to have their jaws wired in the permanent gape of a tree creeper. This is the party of government now — or so they have been warned.

Liberal Democrats can rant about euthanasia; Tories can plot to assassinate yet another leader; but new Labour needs the discipline of the great naturalists of old. Its snipe can snipe no more. The razorbill has to turn his razor on some enemy species instead of doing

**The defeat of Mandelson was a rare success of the masses against the system**

what razorbills do best, attacking fellow members of their clan. The shoveller duck can shovel muck around its cage as much as it likes — as long as it does not drop any around the leadership. Grouse are welcome — preferably with a fine claret from the De Vere cellars. Grouses are not.

Of course, not all of those on the seafront feel that their liberty is constrained. The backroom advertising executives and election strategists are basking in the Brighton sun and may never feel the need to sneak away for moribund museum tours. Their job is done and they can rest secure in the plaudits of even those whom victory has condemned to a sort of useless servitude.

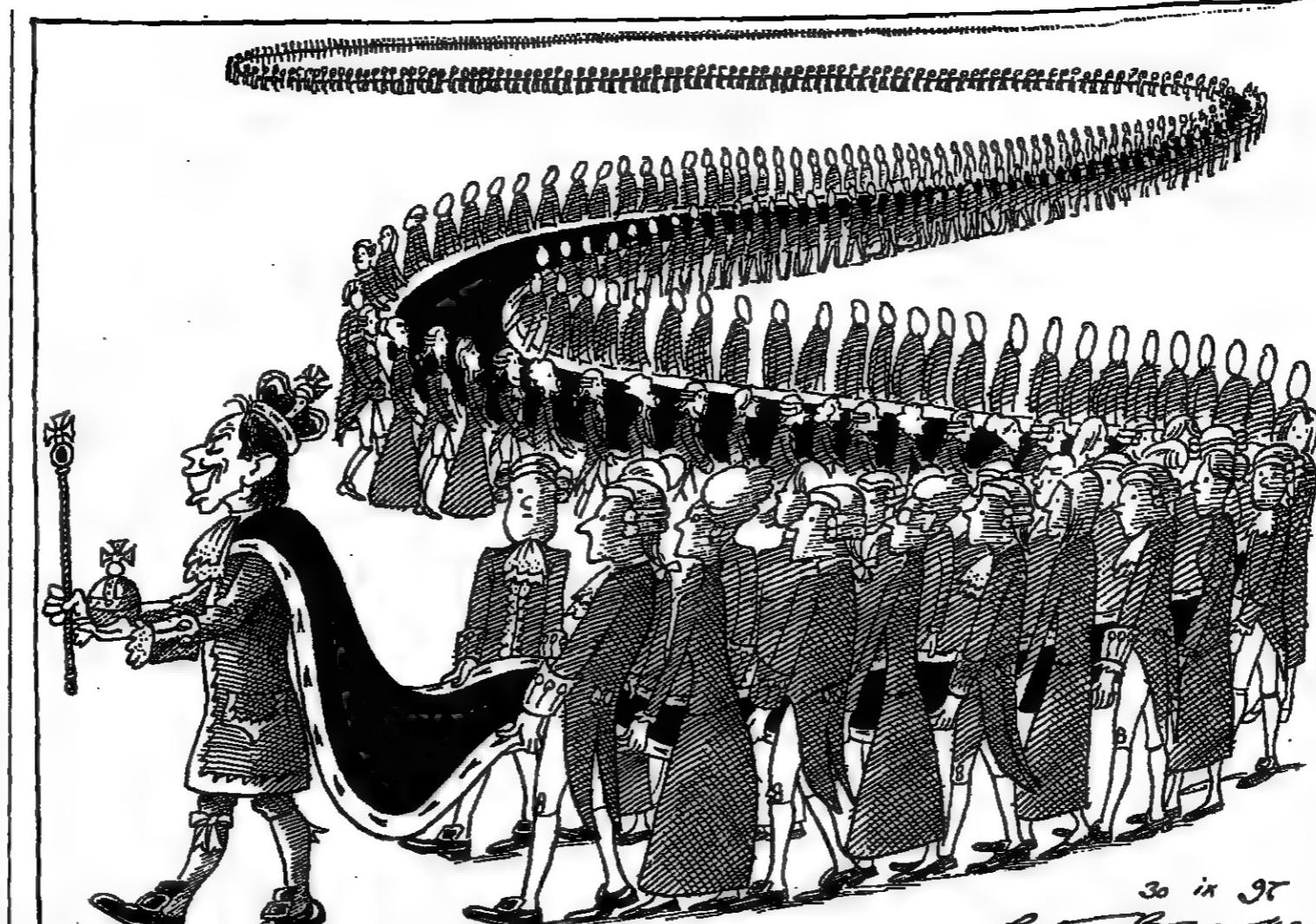
The result in May was a triumph that can never be taken away from the private pollsters and geniuses of strategy. Nothing that the politicians can do will deny their success in steering Labour through to victory. The 178-seat majority will be forever on their CVs, helping them to win political accounts from troubled democrats (and not so democrats) all over the world.

Nothing that ministers or delegates do from now onwards will make the slightest difference to their prospects.

The second group at liberty is made up of the spin-doctors who are still spinning and the spin-doctors who want to become full-scale politicians in their own right. Peter Mandelson, who will be back on top long before he is out, is only the best known of this species. Their motto is permanent vigilance. They are never happier than when catching, freezing and stuffing every cuckoo, jay, jackdaw or birdy troublemaker they can find. Theirs is the skill with the skinning-pliers (acute or obtuse, depending upon the need); theirs is the art of deciding whether the former flying creature would look better with its left wing broken or its right, whether it deserves a plaster brain or woodchips. That is their art — and a successful modern party cannot prosper without artists of their sort.

Meanwhile the great mass of delegates, its sense of success intensified by the scale of victory, has to be given something to do. One job in Brighton is to talk to the thousands of bankers, corporate accountants, environmental pressure groups and lobbyists. These contributors to the new Labour coffers do not feel happy if they spend the week talking to each other.

The boldest activist can aspire to a constituency post on the new NEC or a place on a policy forum. But what is the victorious infantry to do? Going back to its constituencies and preparing for powerlessness is not enough. Like all victorious soldiers it must be kept for when it is next needed to face the enemy and kept content enough to stop it attacking its own generals in the meantime. Some leadership problems are new: most are even older than the birds of Edward Booth.



THE NEW LABOUR PROPOSAL FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT

## Yesterday's agenda

Why does the prestige of politics go unchallenged at the BBC when there's a world outside Westminster?

time and Miss MacGregor 29.65 per cent.

This is accompanied by some light-hearted remarks from the latter about "M. C. Piggy" and a certain colleague who "oozes testosterone" (a metaphor so robustly revolving that I recognise it with joy as coming authentically from Our Sue). Thence a rash of newspaper stories full of BBC people "denying claims" and "rebutting accusations". Very satisfying to see the tables turned: next time a politician finds himself being goaded over the state of his relations with colleagues, he can snap back "Look who's talking, Minister 67 per cent!"

The trio, and the BBC, have assured the star-artists of the press that they all love one another, and I tend to believe them, more or less. But the programme, like our trade in general, has started enough embarrassing dogfights to deserve a dose of its own medicine. Take the fate which befell poor Austin Mitchell, MP, retold in Donovan's book.

Writing on Labour policymaking, he jokingly quoted a party member who had asked what was the difference between Labour processes and those of Kim Il Sung, the Korean dictator. Picked up and quoted, by way of another newspaper's powerful spin and a bit of chording on *Today* by Michael Heseltine, the remark was transformed into a story that Austin Mitchell had compared his leader to Kim Il Sung, which he never did: "So here I am, my career ruined, my future in the Labour Party wrecked, and all because of the *Today* programme."

This happens all the time in political journalism, and then we have the nerve to complain that politicians are dull and wordy and inhuman. If they are, it is our fault. We force them to drown banalities by keeping them in a crazy echo-chamber where everything they say

is amplified by 24-hour speculation and extrapolation. We force them to speak in cheap slogans because if they try to admit difficulty or ambiguity, or say anything heartfelt or complex, we wilfully misunderstand. Look at what keeps happening to Clare Short.

The *Today* shenanigan, frosty in itself, sheds some useful light on this major absurdity of our time. *Today* is a pivotal part of our whole culture of reporting: its methods and values are taken up by television and print. Embedded in this culture, and evidently unchallenged in the "prestige" row, is a strangely unchallenged conviction that the most important thing you can do is to speak to a Cabinet minister at ten past eight, and get him or her to say something which will start the echo-chamber roaring. It may not advance the cause of public understanding

that a good government or truth, but it sets the agenda", and that is what counts. It seems not to matter if the agenda turns out to be complete cobblers.

To go back in the programme's history — and incidentally my own — it is interesting to find a view from the 1970s, when this culture first began to dominate. As a junior producer I used to find it hilarious to watch two grown men, Brian Redhead and John Timson, eyeing one another's list of morning interviews with the jealous intentions of small children counting Smarties. Timson, in affable retirement, now says with frankness: "He felt deeply about politics ... I could never take politics seriously at all. But to keep the thing balanced I insisted on doing as many political interviews as he did, although most of the time I wasn't too clear what I was talking about."

There you are: even if you think it's nonsense, you must play the big boys' game. Never mind that there is a whole world outside Westminster, its reporting squeezed by nine-minute marathons of empty obfuscation; is distorted into "madness" and

Brown's poisoned cocktail  
Anatole Kaletsky  
says we mustn't be  
bounced into EMU

As Tony Blair and Gordon Brown bask in the adulation of the party faithful at Brighton, a possible clash between the next door neighbours at Downing Street is looming into view. At stake, predictably, are the issues that have poisoned the relationships between so many previous Prime Ministers and Chancellors of both parties — the explosive cocktail of sterling and Europe.

We may never know whether Mr Brown's political office was responsible for placing last week's story about an imminent announcement on joining European monetary union. But the ambiguity of the Treasury's response — the story was dismissed as "pure speculation" but was not specifically denied — suggests that Mr Brown was not displeased to see these rumours circulating in the media and gaining the financial markets. What, then, are Mr Brown and his friends really up to? Let us engage in some "pure speculation".

First and foremost the Cabinet's Euro-enthusiasts are trying to create unstoppable "momentum" (a favourite term of new Labour politicos) for British membership of EMU. Although Mr Brown would probably like to join the single currency as quickly as possible, the precise date of joining is less important than the sense that membership is inevitable. Once this conviction becomes sufficiently widespread, it becomes a waste of time to debate the principles of the single currency project or the costs and benefits of Britain staying out in the long term. Inevitability has the further advantage of making the Euro-phobic Tories seem to be living on another planet — a party strictly for the lunatic fringe.

Last week's FT story fits perfectly with this plan. By introducing the idea that Britain might commit itself to EMU membership even before the next general election, the Treasury can hope to achieve numerous objectives. Until last week, it seemed likely that the new Government would stick to a slightly modified version of John Major's "wait and see" approach. Britain would try to help its partners make EMU successful and would keep open the option of joining sometime in the indefinite future, provided the economic conditions were right and the project was going well. This seems to me to be still the most likely formulation for the Government to announce later this year.

After last week's stories, however, expectations may have risen sufficiently for a statement like that to be represented as a "setback" for British membership of EMU and an indication of wavering commitment to Europe. As a result, Mr Brown and his allies now have a new argument for pressing the Prime Minister for a stronger line, perhaps even including a commitment to join by a definite date, such as 2002.

The stories about early EMU membership also have obvious economic attractions for Mr Brown. By persuading the markets that Britain's exchange rate will be, say, DM2.65, Mr Brown may hope to undo some of the damage caused by his decision on Bank of England independence, which directly led to the uncomfortable strength of the pound.

Unfortunately for the Government, however, the markets are not stupid, however excitable and credulous they may seem in the short-term. It may soon become apparent that Britain will not, in fact, join EMU before the next election, if only for the simple reason that Tony Blair is not mad enough to jeopardise his entire political career — and with it the entire future of the Labour party — by calling a referendum which he could never be sure of winning, however high his government may stand in its own private polls.

Once markets realise this, they will calculate that there is no chance of Britain joining EMU before the next election — meaning in effect 2002. From this they will conclude that nothing that is said or rumoured today about Mr Brown's views on exchange rates will bear the slightest relationship to where the pound will be by the time Britain actually joins.

Once this becomes apparent, the pound will rebound. In the long-run, therefore, the Treasury will have achieved nothing in its attempt to manipulate the market. If, however, the EMU rumours succeed in creating a temporary bout of sterling weakness, the Bank of England may well feel obliged to respond by raising interest rates, thereby adding to the pressure on industry, since these interest rate hikes are unlikely to be reversed promptly once the pound's strength revives.

If all this comes to pass it will raise a fascinating political question. Will Mr Blair blame his Chancellor for having mismanaged sterling and damaged the economy by trying to bounce him into EMU? Or will Mr Brown manage to persuade the Prime Minister into his half-heartedness towards EMU is no longer sufficient and that the economic difficulties require Britain's commitments to be ratcheted up? Whether the answer turns out to be, it will not contribute to the unity of the government or the warmth of relations between the two neighbours in Downing Street.

## Mandy swings

HE may not have a portfolio, nor a seat on the national executive, but he does have a hangover. Peter Mandelson was involved in an extraordinary scene at a party in Brighton on Sunday night.

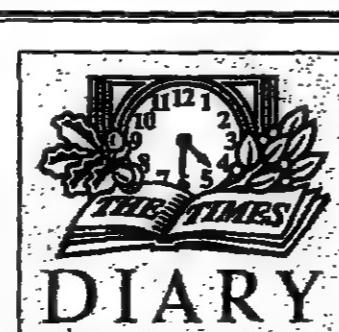
In gregarious mood, Mandelson became embroiled with nightclub bouncers during an altercation at a fringe party. As comedians Hugh Laurie and Lenny Henry entertained guests at bash at the Metropole Hotel, revellers, including Neil Kinnock and John Prescott, saw Mandelson, who had been dancing with Sinead Cusack, jump on stage to grab a microphone. Bouncers asked him to leave the stage. The minister refused. One said: "He was quite excited. Two asked him to leave — there was a kerfuffle. He stayed and did moves from *Flashdance*."

Another remarked: "He sparked a stage invasion — 30 followed. It turned into a buntight. Lenny Henry had performed *Sex Machine* with his band Poor White Trash. The crowd went crazy. Very decorous, I am sure."

## Playing ball

AMONG the cheering crowds at England's World Cup qualifier with Italy next month will be the unlikely figure of Gordon Brown.

DEFeat has not dampened the quixotic humour of Neil Kinnock. Surrounded by the blazer-clad blades that comprise new Labour



in Brighton yesterday, he was bemused to find them all talking frantically into mobile telephones. "It's the only time I've been in a room full of men where everyone is trying to prove they've got the smallest one," he sighed.

### Mine kampf

AFTER a parliamentary career spent savaging CND, the defeated Tory MP Lady Olgie Maitland is set to write a book about landmines to continue the crusade led by Diana, Princess of Wales.

A single visit to Bosnia in January was enough to raise her hackles. "It was ghastly," she recalls. "I can't replace Diana, but someone's got to carry on the fight. I can rough it as well as the next man — I've parachuted in Canada, you know." Despite her concern, Mait-

land declined ever to raise the issue in the House. "I was too busy fighting the election," she says.

Unlike to appear in the acknowledgements page are Maitland's Conservative colleagues. "My party behaved like absolute asses. I never said so in public but I told them in private. And as for Nicholas Soames laying into Diana ... what an old fool."

### Naomi's off

CLEARLY elated at being claimed



You can't go anywhere without Mandelson knowing

by President Mandelson as his "honorary granddaughter", the Streatham supermodel Naomi Campbell is set to move to South Africa. Over the past few days she has been viewing property in Cape Town at the invitation of Mandela, who wanted to thank her for her contribution to his Children's Fund. "I do love it here," she smiled coyly from the dining car of the Blue Train, an African version of the Orient Express. "But until I buy something I can stay with my grandfather."

AT LAST, sympathy for spin-doctors. Charles Lewington, who did his best to sell a poor product at the last election (the Tory party) tells me that John Major once said to him: "I know I have a difficult job but I wouldn't want yours."

### Edited out

FRESH from allegations that they have short-changed Sue MacGregor, those chauvinist rotters at the BBC have done it again. Next week they celebrate 40 years of the Today programme by releasing a compilation of less snoozy moments. But by some dreadful oversight for snub? the Beeb has not included any examples of Anna Ford.

Ms Ford, who led the recent re-



Anna Ford: silenced

billion against her bosses' plans to take a broom to the programme's production staff, has certainly made her mark on its history. In April, she was forced to apologise to her loyal audience after branding *The Archers'* Simon Pemberton a "sh\*t", and last September she had a noisy on-air tiff with the then Chancellor, Ken Clarke. John Birt, the Director-General, publicly reprimanded her on behalf of the "shortcomings" of the interview.

Despite these milestones, no Ms Ford, why so? Strangely, a BBC commandant would like to speak to the presenter.

JASPER GERARD



## THE BROWN VERSION

Unpopularity goes with a Labour Chancellor's job

It is far easier to be a Conservative than a Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer. Tory activists love phrases such as "prudent fiscal policy" or "bearing down on inflation"; to Labour delegates they resemble cough medicine. So Gordon Brown was forced yesterday to spoon out the sugar before he reminded the Labour Party conference that Britain needed "not pump-priming but prudence", "not dashes for growth but discipline". To the dour Scottish Chancellor, these might have boasts. To a conference audience aching for external solutions to an internal problem, Mr Brown has simply decided to import his own men.

The result is that Ed Balls, his economic adviser, and Charlie Whelan, his spin-doctor, have more power than any civil servant. Mr Brown uses officials for advice, but often takes decisions without them. As a result, relations are poor within the department. They are also poor with the Bank of England. Senior officials complain that they have to clear up the antagonisms that Mr Brown leaves in his wake.

But there is no doubt in his ability, or the confidence invested in him by the Prime Minister. So far Mr Brown has managed to deliver a skilful Budget and win plaudits from the City. Given how suspicious financial markets tend to be of Labour administrations, the equanimity with which this one has been received owes much to Mr Brown's competence.

Harder decisions, inevitably, lie ahead. For this year and next, the Chancellor is bound by his manifesto commitment to the last Government's spending plans. This may infuriate and disappoint his supporters, but it is at least an untrumpable excuse for resisting public sector profligacy. By next year, the pledge will have run out and the deficit should be much smaller. Then Mr Brown will have to make invidious choices. Does he reward teachers or nurses? Does he cut taxes or raise spending? Whatever he decides, a standing ovation at conference is likely to elude him once more.

There are some worrying signs from the Treasury that the Chancellor does believe that he can walk on water. Although officials are impressed by Mr Brown's intelligence,

they are alarmed by his arrogance and secrecy. All Labour Chancellors tend to be wary of the Treasury and try to create counterweights to it; in party mythology, this is the department that has wrecked many a Labour administration. In the 1960s, Labour created a rival, the Department of Economic Affairs; in the 1970s, it put faith in the National Economic Development Office. Neither worked as hoped. So, instead of looking for external solutions to an internal problem, Mr Brown has simply decided to import his own men.

The result is that Ed Balls, his economic adviser, and Charlie Whelan, his spin-doctor, have more power than any civil servant. Mr Brown uses officials for advice, but often takes decisions without them. As a result, relations are poor within the department. They are also poor with the Bank of England. Senior officials complain that they have to clear up the antagonisms that Mr Brown leaves in his wake.

But there is no doubt in his ability, or the confidence invested in him by the Prime Minister. So far Mr Brown has managed to deliver a skilful Budget and win plaudits from the City. Given how suspicious financial markets tend to be of Labour administrations, the equanimity with which this one has been received owes much to Mr Brown's competence.

Harder decisions, inevitably, lie ahead. For this year and next, the Chancellor is bound by his manifesto commitment to the last Government's spending plans. This may infuriate and disappoint his supporters, but it is at least an untrumpable excuse for resisting public sector profligacy. By next year, the pledge will have run out and the deficit should be much smaller. Then Mr Brown will have to make invidious choices. Does he reward teachers or nurses? Does he cut taxes or raise spending? Whatever he decides, a standing ovation at conference is likely to elude him once more.

Excluding young people from this protection will simply lead to a downward spiral in wages, increasing dependency and decreasing mobility, thus cutting opportunities to find employment. The evidence was as clear in 1986 as it is now: young people need the protection of a minimum wage even more than other workers because they are more vulnerable to exploitation.

Yours etc,  
BHAKTI PATEL,  
Director,  
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September 26

*From the Chair of the British Youth Council*

Sir, Young people will be appalled to hear that their efforts will count for less in building the new economy. In recent years, Government policies have consistently asked young people to put more in to society but take out less.

The loss of income support for 16 to 17-year-olds, together with the introduction of lower housing benefit rates and jobseekers allowances for under-25s, have penalised the young purely because of their age.

In addition, young people have experienced frozen training allowances, falling grant levels and the introduction of student loans. Their wages have fallen considerably compared to the national average. Between 1985 and 1995 average pay for young people fell by up to 12 per cent of the national wage. At one point, moreover, 16 to 24-year-olds accounted for one in three of those earning £2.50 per hour or less.

Attempts to introduce lower rates or exemptions from the minimum wage on the basis of age rather than experience or contribution spring from ignorance of young people's lives and circumstances. Simply because they are young does not mean they are automatically less well trained, qualified or capable of doing the job than someone else or that they can afford to live on less.

How ironic if the new Government should offer young people a new deal on the one hand while taking it away with the other.

Yours sincerely,  
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September 25

## NOTHING SACRED

Churches, sadly, must learn to protect themselves

Those dedicated to the salvation of souls have, alas, increasing reason to concentrate on their own protection. The theft from St Julian's Church near Boscastle in north Cornwall has attracted considerable attention because of the connection that particular place has to Thomas Hardy. Without this distinctive literary link, the attack might have passed barely noted and unreported. There have been 20 such assaults in Cornwall alone recently. Across Britain, one in three churches annually will witness some form of arson, theft or vandalism.

This incident was typical of the wider pattern. The church was unlocked and unmaned at the moment of violation. The thieves snatched any item of value and cared little for the damage that might be done in the process. It was some considerable time before their activities were discovered. The prospect of an arrest appears slim. The church and community have been devastated by a crime so distasteful that most people find it incomprehensible.

The cost of all this is — in several senses — considerable. The ordinary church can afford some insurance but normally only enough to replace a stolen chalice with an inexpensive reproduction. An enormous slice of our national heritage is at risk. Although most thefts are considered "opportunistic", there is increasing evidence of an international trade in religious artefacts. More churches, especially in rural areas,

will be forced to follow the established trend and lock their doors to outsiders. Spiritual and cultural life will suffer as a consequence. The primary problem here is the behaviour of man and the courts treat such crimes with unusual severity. Distasteful as it undoubtedly is, however, modern churches must change their arrangements to guard themselves as best they can. The typical parish church would like to remain both open and secure. This requires substantial organisation. Items of value must, unfortunately, be locked away but that should not trouble visitors. Some security equipment can be used but a site of worship should not seek to cover itself in cameras like a contemporary shopping centre.

The best remedy also lies with man not modernity. A number of "church watch" schemes have been established, modelled on the neighbourhood watch programmes. The presence of even a solitary volunteer can have a dramatic impact on the crime rate. The operation of such a rota does create a considerable strain especially in remote locations. It also recalls the original purpose and practice of churchwardens. Until this century, their leading task was to preserve the sanctity of all moveable property within churches. Only after that role appeared redundant did this body take on rather broader ecclesiastical duties. It is a sad reflection of our times that such a spiritual security squad requires reinvention.

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## Right of under-25s to minimum wage

*From the Director of the Low Pay Unit*

Sir, There is no logical reason for exempting the under-25s from the national minimum wage (Letters, September 25), particularly when he writes that "the legal status of parties will need to be embedded in public law". I would far rather that parties and those who control them (who are not always those who lead them) did not have this extra status.

Such a move is out of line with the British Chamber of Commerce survey on minimum wages, published in the same week as your report, showing that a majority (51 per cent) believed that 18 would be the most appropriate age at which to introduce it and that 42 per cent preferred 21.

Despite the DTI argument that a national minimum wage would act as a disincentive to young people to stay in education and training, we believe that it would encourage employers to invest in training young people instead of using them as substitutes for cheap labour.

The DTI also argues that a minimum wage would restrict employment opportunities for young people looking for jobs. This is the "pricing-out-of-a-job" argument used by the previous Government to justify the abolition of wage protection for the under-21s in 1986.

Since then, young people's pay has sharply fallen compared to the average: in 1987 the lowest-paid men aged 18-20 earned 32 per cent of adult male wages. Ten years later this has fallen to 27 per cent, a loss of £19.22 a week. For the lowest-paid women, the loss is £28 a week. There is no evidence of a commensurate increase in jobs.

Excluding young people from this protection will simply lead to a downward spiral in wages, increasing dependency and decreasing mobility, thus cutting opportunities to find employment. The evidence was as clear in 1986 as it is now: young people need the protection of a minimum wage even more than other workers because they are more vulnerable to exploitation.

Yours etc,  
BHAKTI PATEL,  
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September 26

*From the Chair of the British Youth Council*

Sir, There are two important grounds for opposing the introduction of screens to protect the witness in a rape case (report, September 18; letters, September 23).

First, introducing a barrier between the main witness and the rest of the court will undermine the ability of the defendant to carry out a thorough cross-examination. It will also prevent the court from being able to place the words of the witness in context.

It is vital that both the defendant and the jury are able to see the expression on the face of the witness when she answers the questions put to her. We all know that it is easier to recognise whether we are being told a truth when we see someone in person than when we talk on the telephone.

Second, it is insulting to rape victims to suggest that they are too weak to face the defendant in court and put their case. Screens are used to protect child witnesses, who are rightly seen as less capable than adults. If we accept that women need to be treated like children in court, how long before this principle is extended to other areas of our lives?

Yours faithfully,  
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September 24

*From Mr Nigel Pascoe, QC*

Sir, Chief Superintendent Moss (letter, September 23) is wrong if he thinks that 1; or indeed any responsible barrister, hold the slightest brief for bullying cross-examination of witnesses.

I loathe the spectre of traumatised victims and I reject any implication that barristers, in trying to do their duty, do not care, or worse, manoeuvre to cross-examine on past history

without leave. Defence counsel should put their case concisely and leave it. There is absolutely no room for repetition, sarcasm, offensive intonation or irrelevancy.

But that does not mean that cross-examination must be confined arbitrarily to a few cursory questions. There will be cases where, courteously but plainly, an advocate must probe the legitimate issues. That cannot be done always in a few minutes.

Today, judges are much more alive to the interests of the victim, by training and by the effect of public opinion. Let improper cross-examination always be curtailed, but never forget the balance which must be struck where it is one word against another. But I back all possible moves to limit a victim's ordeal.

Yours faithfully,  
NIGEL PASCOE  
(Chairman,  
Bar Public Affairs Committee),  
3 Pump Court, EC4.

September 23

*From Ms Sara Hincliffe*

Sir, The argument by Alan Moss of the Police Superintendents Association that the criminal justice system is meant to operate on behalf of victims threatens the very principles of justice.

Justice means weighing competing claims about the truth — and subjecting them to rigorous scrutiny. If the principle of innocence until guilt is proven is to be protected, then complaints must be treated as unproven until the conclusion of the trial.

Yours faithfully,  
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September 23

*From Dr James Roberts*

Sir, Is it not time to end the "A-level lit crit" correspondence which started with a discussion of a candidate's essay on *Candide*?

We should all realise that the educational establishment has arranged everything for the best, in this best of all possible worlds. And at this time of the year there is plenty of work to do in the garden.

Yours,  
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September 24

*From Mr Bill Cairns*

Sir, Those "little Englander" readers who have been expressing a slightly hysterical reaction to Scottish and Welsh devolution on your letters pages recently must have derived enormous comfort from the report (September 22) of the sinking of the Oxford and Cambridge University rowing crews in the Rio Negro in Brazil.

From your reference to "England's Olympic fours" it appears that England has no need of devolution to be admitted to the Olympics in its own right.

Yours faithfully,  
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September 23

*From Mr Jon Wynne-Tyson*

Sir, I was dismayed to see the prominence you gave to the picture of the models Kate Moss and Jade Jagger both smoking cigarettes (Letters, September 22).

The effect of this photograph will be to endorse to many teenagers that cigarettes are fashion accessories, and will probably damage the efforts being made by health promotion teams to decrease smoking in this age group.

Yours faithfully,  
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Cowbridge, South Glamorgan.  
September 21

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## OBITUARIES

## VIKTOR FRANKL

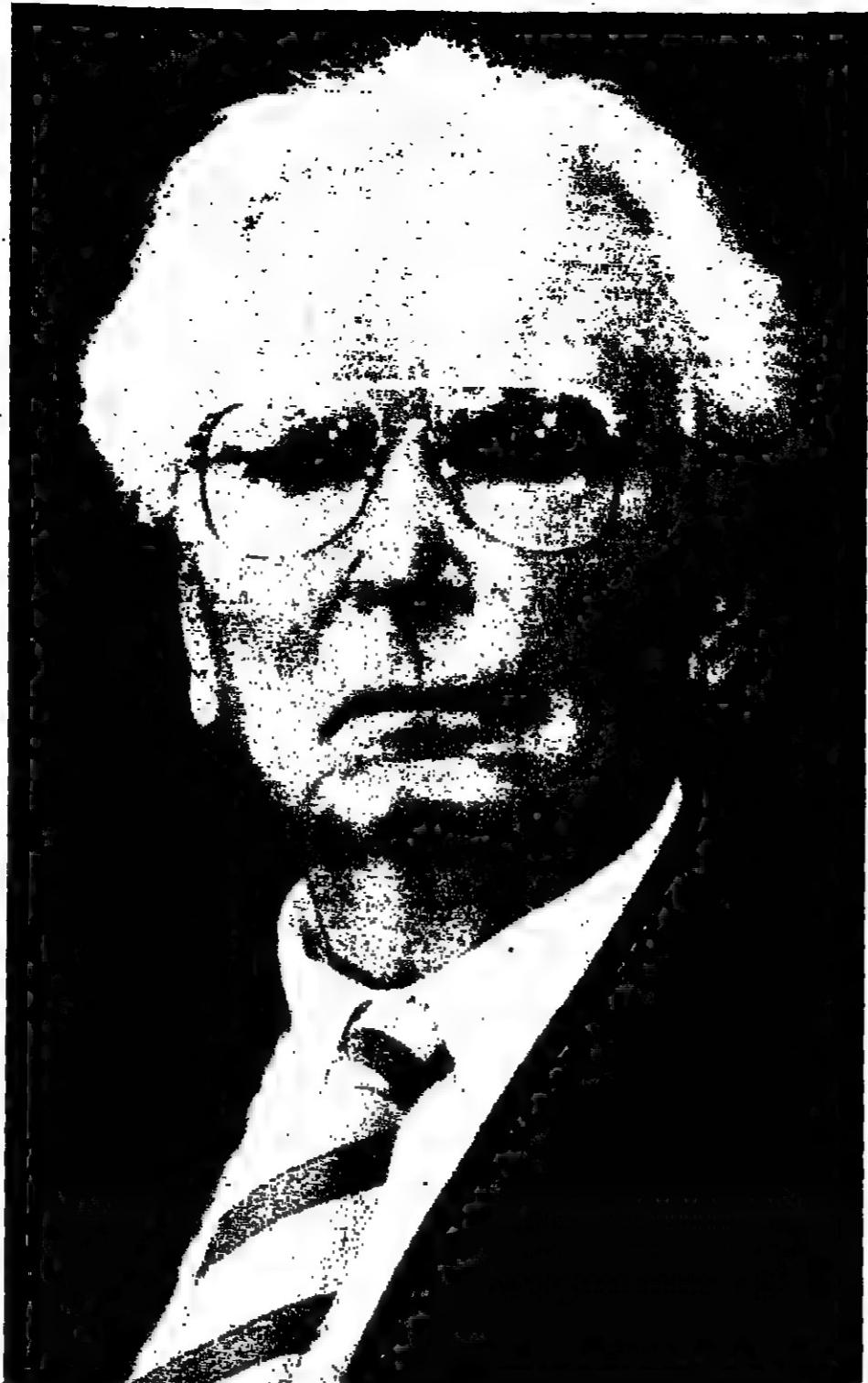
Viktor Frankl, psychiatrist and psychotherapist, died on September 3 aged 92. He was born in Vienna on March 26, 1905.

The trauma of the Nazi concentration camps has been said to require new thinking about man's nature. As a psychotherapist whose ideas of the psyche were forged in Auschwitz and other camps, Viktor Frankl was able to begin this work. His book *Man's Search for Meaning* sold millions of copies worldwide after being translated into English in the 1960s.

Frankl's outlook was radically different from those of his two great Viennese precursors, Freud and Adler, for whom respectively sex and self-assertion were the great motivating forces in human affairs. Frankl's therapeutic method, which he called "logotherapy", is comprehended in the title of his book: he aimed to help individuals find meaning in their lives according to their circumstances. Emphasising the uniqueness of each human being, he used his own experience of the concentration camps to find meaning in even the most appalling situations, so helping people to come to terms with suffering, whatever its causes. He denied that there was anything religious in this, although his method often seemed close to that of spiritual consolation.

In later years he became increasingly critical of Freud and Adler, whom he blamed for what he saw as the increasing hedonism and materialism of the 20th century. In his book *The Doctor and the Soul*, he warned that an insistence on the exercise of sexuality at the earliest age at which it was physically possible was liable to limit the individual's mental horizon, as well as creating unnecessary anxieties in the young.

Frankl was born in Vienna's famous Czernigasse, at No 6 — more or less opposite No 7, in which Adler lived from 1870 to 1937. He recalled that as a student he had first met Freud — who was then his hero — taking an evening walk in Vienna's Volkspark. He reluctantly followed the famous professor, who eventually turned round and, to his astonishment, recognised him. A few years earlier, Frankl had sent Freud a paper on psychoanalysis which eventually saw the



light of day in the *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, but he had no reason to think that the great man would remember either him or his offering.

Frankl was briefly a disciple of Adler, although they soon went different ways. Qualifying as a doctor in 1930, and despite the gathering clouds of anti-Semitism, which threatened him and his family, Frankl stayed in Vienna,

working for some time in a unit treating women who had attempted suicide. In 1938, the year of the Anschluss, he took charge of the neurological unit of the city's only Jewish hospital, the Rothschild.

Remarkably, he was permitted to remain in this post until 1942. He had been offered a visa by the Americans, but while he was pondering this attractive option at his family's house, his eye alighted on a

fragment of marble lying on a table. His father had retrieved it from the largest synagogue in Vienna after its destruction by the Nazis. The fragment was from the synagogue's tablets of the Ten Commandments, and was inscribed with the Fifth Commandment in Hebrew: "Honour thy father and thy mother that thy life may be long in the land the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Frankl realised he could not

abandon his family, and in 1942 he was deported into captivity with his parents, his brother, and his wife Tilly, whom he had married in 1941. They were sent first to the Theresienstadt concentration camp in Czechoslovakia. It was the first of four camps he endured over the next three years, the last being the extermination camp at Auschwitz, where his wife was also taken.

On his arrival at Auschwitz, Frankl was directed by the camp doctor, Dr Josef Mengele, to join the queue moving left — to the gas chambers. Recognising none of his friends in that queue, he sneaked behind Mengele's back into the queue moving to the right, so saving his life.

Over the next year he survived typhus and strove hard to develop a capacity for hope amid the humiliations of the camp. He saw that in many cases it took a degree of unscrupulousness to survive the degrading conditions, but he was even more impressed by the inner freedom created by the condition of having nothing else. "I understood how a man who has nothing left in the world may still know bliss," he was later to say.

He returned to Vienna in 1945 to find that his mother, father, brother and wife had all perished. In the wreckage of the city he was given the post of head of neurology at the Polyclinic Hospital. As a form of catharsis he sat down and dictated *Man's Search for Meaning* to a relay of secretaries in nine days. It was published before the year was out. Now recognised as a classic in existential psychology, it has, to date, sold nine million copies in 26 languages, and has never been out of print.

Frankl was on the staff of Vienna University, where his teachings were described as constituting the "Third Vienna school of Psychotherapy", after those of Freud and Adler. He was also much in demand as a lecturer throughout the world, especially in America, where he held chairs at five universities, including Harvard and Stanford. He was also the holder of 29 honorary doctorates. He continued to write prolifically, and published more than 30 books, including a volume of autobiography published earlier this year.

In 1947 he was married for a second time, to Eleonee Schwindt. She and their daughter survive him.

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## ROBERT CAMPBELL

Robert Campbell, journalist and musician, died yesterday following an aneurism aged 55. He was born on July 27, 1942.

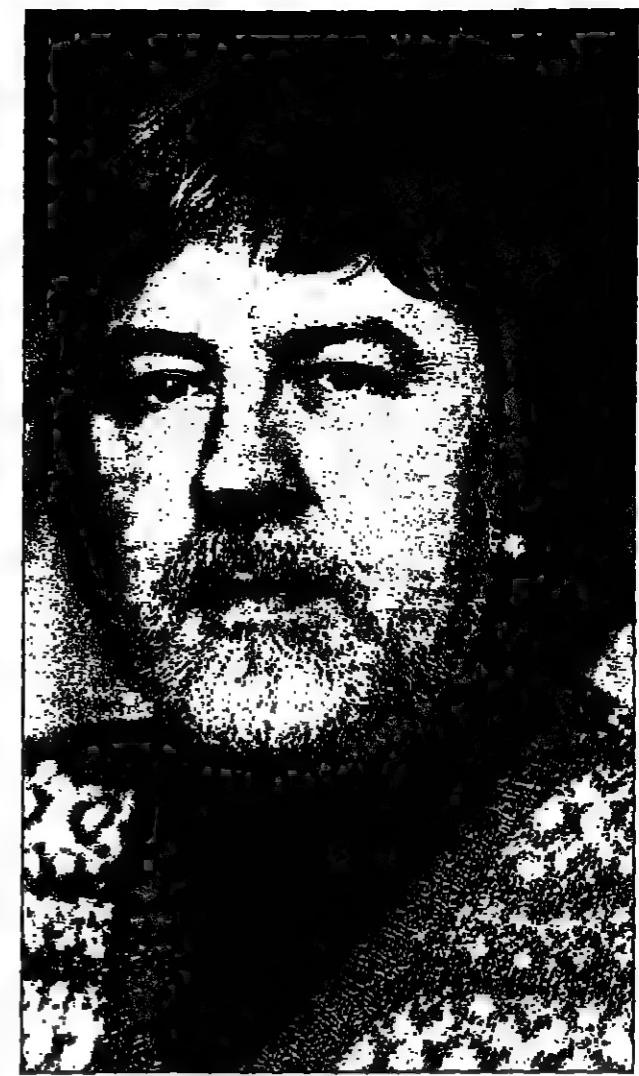
ON THE simplest level, Robert Campbell's career was a classic case of the working man achieving success by dint of natural skill and intelligence. From apprentice engineer in the shipyards of Clydeside, he moved into journalism to become chief sub-editor on *The Sunday Times* and then associate editor of *The Scotsman*, the post he held at the time of his death.

But that summary does not begin to do justice to an extraordinary life, in which music and politics played significant parts, and which was also touched by tragedy. An immensely talented fiddle player, Campbell founded a folk band which influenced performers as diverse as the Chieftains and Billy Connolly. Twice married, he found himself a widower at 48 — and the father of triplets. Managing to bring up three boys on his own while holding down a full-time job was in his own eyes, his greatest achievement.

On Sunday, Roderick, Fergus and Diarmuid celebrated their 13th birthday and, watched by their father, were presented to the congregation at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh. It was, he told them, the proudest day of his life.

Robert Arthur Thornberry Campbell was born in Partick in Glasgow, the youngest of five children. His father was a shipyard worker, and his mother, from Aberlour, did occasional housework to make ends meet. It was she — always referred to by her son as "the great improver" — who saw his potential. At Hyndland Secondary School he was among the brightest pupils; but he was also obsessed by fiddle music, and abandoned his exams to play in pubs and clubs. His mother told him that if he wanted to take up music he would have to earn his living, so he became an apprentice engineer at John Brown's shipyard.

At the age of 19 he moved to London as an engineer and formed a band called the Exiles, with Gordon McCulloch and Enoch Kent, whose sister, Janet Buchan, was a staunch supporter of the folk music movement and later a Labour MEP. The band toured Ireland and Europe, collecting and playing folk songs, some of which became hits with other bands. At one



point, the Exiles were the warm-up band for Billy Connolly at the Cambridge Theatre.

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Campbell also joined the Communist Party and was taken onto the sports desk at the *Morning Star* by Stanley Levinson. From there he was recruited by John Lovejoy, the sports editor of *The Sunday Times*, where he wrote the Inside Track column. He moved to the newsroom as a sub-editor under Harry Evans, whom he regarded as a great hero, and was steadily promoted until he reached the key post of chief sub-editor, responsible for pulling all the news pages of the paper together.

A big man, with a gruff Glaswegian voice and manner, he was passionate, emotional and possessed of a notorious temper. He would hug people in the office at a time when men did not, on the whole, demonstrate much affection. He drank and played hard. His Hogmanay parties were celebrated. He was, nevertheless, a dedicated and

thorough professional, meticulous in his attention to detail, and intensely loyal to the paper.

# Your team can win you £1,000 in a month

## The story so far...

At last, a smile on your face! Of course, it's been a good week for us Leeds supporters.

I didn't know you supported Leeds.

I didn't until I signed Molenaar and Martyn the other week. It's amazing how your loyalties can change, I'll admit. And my mother was born in a house that was knocked down to build the Revie Stand at Elland Road. Fascinating. But I seem to remember that you weren't too happy with Molenaar and Martyn a fortnight ago. A fortnight is a long time in football.

I see you're learning the jargon...

Most certainly, Brian. But about Leeds: our defence is getting back to basics; two clean sheets in four days, an away win and a home victory over the old enemy...

How long have you been a Leeds supporter, again? ... and Molenaar rose above the Southampton defence on Wednesday to net a priceless four-pointer. If only I could have had David Wetherall in the team as well!

Not more than two players from any one club, you know. By the way, did you take my advice about transferring players out before difficult games?

Fortunately not. I forgot. So Leboeuf was a net gain this week, and I kept the Leeds lads in even though we were playing Manchester United. If I'd remembered your advice, I might have rested them for a week.

What faith you have in your team. Don't forget about revaluation, though?

Eh? Revaluation? What's that? Your scouting network seems to have let you down, old chap. Some players' prices are changing, to reflect what's been going on in the real world. Fortunately, there's a guide revaluation on the opposite page. So I'll probably find that some of my ducking and diving on the transfer market will have paid off with vastly inflated valuations. Just like Barry Fry.

Sort of, perhaps you should do some victory runs up and down the touchline the way he does.

Hang on a minute though — if my players' values go up, doesn't that mean I'm over my £35 million budget? Don't worry — the price you paid for them is what counts. And the value of players can go down as well as up, you'll find; but you've got until midnight tonight to buy and sell at the old prices. Your man Babayaro, who hasn't played a game for Chelsea yet, is a good example. You could sell him today, before half-a-million is knocked off his value.

But when he starts playing, his value might jump again.

What was it I said about faith in your team?

This week 70 players are revalued in ITF. Also the new Faxback service showing your team's up-to-date progress is in operation

THE REVALUATION of Interactive Team Football players, another innovation, starts this week. On the player lists on page 23 you will see that players' costs (fourth column) have sometimes gone up or down. The old price is in brackets, the new price in bold type. See opposite page for full details of how this affects your transfers.

From October there will be a separate monthly prize for ITF Internet players. It will be as attractive as the monthly ITF League prize — £1,000, plus football gear and Premiership tickets.

The reason for this new prize is that, with transfers on the Internet being free, Internet players if they choose can use all their transfers in one month to improve their positions. The advantage gained from free transfers is only short-term. It would be a big disadvantage in the quest for the ITF League prize of £50,000 to use up all your transfers so early in the season. But Internet players can still compete for the top prize and for the FA Cup league starting in January.

You can still enter ITF via The Times Website ([www.thetimes.co.uk](http://www.thetimes.co.uk)), via LineOne or via Sky Sports Interactive (Sky Text page 118). Please note that some features such as mini-leagues may not be available on these platforms.



## FAXBACK: YOUR UP-TO-DATE TEAM SCORES

The brand new Times Faxback service provides you with a complete results sheet of your team, showing current and total scores, dates, times and details of transfers, as well as your position in the ITF League and, if appropriate, your mini-league (women's, students, youth). Scores and transfer confirmations are updated by 12 noon on the day following a match or matches.

Make sure you have your ten-digit PIN number ready when you call. To obtain an ITF Team Faxback, simply pick up the handset of the fax machine and dial the telephone number below. If your fax does not have a handset, attach a handset or press the on-hook or telephone button instead and dial the number below. Listen carefully to the instructions and press the appropriate buttons when asked. Calls cost 5p per minute and are available in the UK only.

The number to call for your Faxback is:

**0991 111 333**

If you have any problems operating this service, call the Faxback Helpline on 0171-412 3795. This service is provided by Telecom Express, Westminster Tower, London SE1 7SP.

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER ITF

£1,000, a signed Mitre football and a Mitre Sports bag, and tickets to a premier league match of your choice can be won every month, plus the chance to win £10,000 in a separate FA Cup League so enter the ITF now.

The manager of the month can be won by any team, no matter where it is in the overall ITF league. The prize simply goes to the person whose team scores the highest points in any one month. If you are a student or a woman (18 or over) you may also enter the appropriate mini-league, while under-18 girls enter the Youth league. These all carry separate monthly prizes.

By entering the ITF, your team will automatically be entered into a separate FA Cup League. Your players will earn you points for the FA Cup league (Littlewoods FA Cup and Tennents Scottish FA Cup) as well as the main ITF league.

Remember the earlier you register, the more transfers your team will be allocated.

## HOW TO ENTER

Entries to ITF via The Times are now by phone only, on

**0891 405 011**

From the Republic of Ireland only +44 990 100 308

- You must use a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone).
- Choose 1 goalkeeper, 2 full backs, 2 central defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 strikers and a manager.
- Do not spend more than 35 million.
- Do not choose more than two individuals (2 players or 1 player and 1 manager) from any one club.
- Once you have chosen your team, call the entry line, above, and follow these step-by-step instructions.
- a) You must tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager.
- b) You will be asked whether you wish to enter one of the mini leagues (women's, students, youth) if appropriate. If so, do so as directed on the telephone.
- c) You must speak the name of your team (no more than 18 characters), your name, address with postcode and your daytime telephone number.
- d) Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal identification number (PIN) at the end of the call. You must keep a note of this number as you will need your PIN for making transfers and checking your team score.

A new team will score points on future games. 0891 calls cost 50p per minute. Your call will cost about double if made from a pay phone. In the event of there being more than one league winner, a drawbreak will operate.

## Wetherall hits champions and winning ITF streak



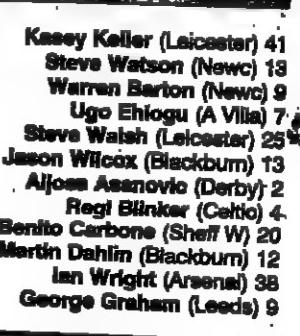
IT WAS arguably the most significant goal of the weekend — certainly the one that meant most to supporters of the scorer's team.

However, when David Wetherall, the Leeds United central defender, climbed above Gary Pallister to head the winner against Manchester United on Saturday (right), he delighted more than the Elland Road regulars.

An Interactive Team Football entrant with Wetherall in his or her team this week benefited to the tune of 13 points. Wetherall's hot streak, which began with his team's 2-0 victory against Southampton at The Dell, included two clean sheets (worth three points each), his four-point goal, and two points for wins — not a bad haul.

Modesty probably forbade him to include himself in his own ITF selection — currently occupying second place in the PFA league — in favour of Steve Walsh, the Leicester City captain, who missed his team's victory at Barnsley on Saturday, and Ugo Ehiogu of Aston Villa, who conceded two goals in the draw with Sheffield Wednesday. A mistake, surely: he outscored them both last week.

His choice of goalkeeper, though, was sound. Kasey Keller of Leicester City has performed consistently well behind a defence that is becoming renowned for its meanness, and his weekly score of 10 points brings his total up to 41 for the season:



bettered only by Peter Schmeichel, who has 48.

Wetherall's weekly close encounters with top-class forwards led him to choose Ian Wright, who has contributed strongly to "Wetherall's Wanderers", but Martin Dahlin, who had not played a single Premiership game when Wetherall chose him, was something of a gamble.

**FIND OUT HOW YOUR TEAM IS DOING**

Call the ITF checkline on **0891 884 643**

Check your points total and your ranking. You need a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone) and your ten-digit selector's PIN. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.

## LEAGUE UPDATES



ITF LEAGUE  
£50,000 top prize  
£1,000 monthly prize



STUDENTS' LEAGUE  
Monthly prize of  
signed football ticket,  
signed football and  
sports bag



YOUTH LEAGUE  
Monthly prize of  
signed football ticket,  
signed football and  
sports bag



WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
Monthly prize of  
signed football ticket,  
signed football and  
sports bag

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE

1	O Hodge	Avon's Callings	228
2	S Whield	Small Busters	225
3	L Chadleigh	Roland FC	223
4	S Webb	Sharmersations	220
5	H Williams	He's Belles	218
6	E Haines	Puzzers Town	214
7	J Twain	Our Whippy	212
8	Z Fraser	Liam's Lagers	211
9	L Hall	London FC	211
10	M Parrot	Met's Red Devils	210
11	J Gardner	15 Chumbawumbers	209
12	S Cauchpole	Blue Boys	208
13	B Sharp	Penfold FC	208
14	J Hodge	Woking Phantoms	207
15	M McDonald	No Name	207
16	J Morrison-Richmond	Labibashbar	205
17	P Johnson	Superstars	204
18	A Hembrow	The Dreamers 1	204
19	E Stoute	United States	203
20	C Kelly	C K Prize	202

## STUDENTS' LEAGUE

1	N Wheatley	H D G Is A Sad Waster	242
2	P Henson	Witlesshammers	233
3	N Wheatley	Witherside Is Ill	232
4	I McGill	The White Helmets	229
5	D Barber	Supersonic City 2	228
6	N Prior	Los Vencadores	221
7	N Wheatley	Who Has My Ostrich	216
8	Z Tezen	A Tight Horse Is Fun	215
9	N Lamb	Egg Gravels XI	215
10	J Gardner	Rebel PE	211
11	Mowain	15 Chumbawumbers	209
12	J Liveridge	Lucky's Navin	209
13	M Wood	Real Rambottom	208
14	M Matthews	Scoops XI	208
15	S Jotham	Gunners Mark One	208
16	S Cris	Jobbuns Giants	206
17	M Constable	No Chance XI	206
18	D Dwyer	Red Cols FC	206
19	D Clement	Fowler Reeves	206
20	D Clement	Doge Dummies 2	206

## YOUTH LEAGUE

1	T Langran	No Name	226
2	S Banfield	Banjo's Best XI	225
3	D John	The Dream Team	219
4	S Starries	Esters Entertainers	219
5	R McLean	Cornholes Boyz	218
6	R Hobbs	Robot	218
7	S Wilson	Samsonselect	217
8	S Bird	Golden Wonders	217
9	D Lewis	Lewis Boys II	217
10	A Hibberd	Andy's Blue Foxes	213
11	B Wilson	Wilson Wanderers	210
12	J Cooper	15 Chumbawumbers	209
13	D Beaumont	Dead XI	209
14	D Dodds	Baldyare Vics	208
15	N Hodge	No Name	208
16	C Wheaton	Chris' Crackers	208
17	S Sutcliffe	Rugrats	208
18	L Nook	Liams Reds	208
19	A Wood	Seven XI	207
20	M McPhillips	Ballygallyrovers	206

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- 10 hours FREE access to LineOne's minute-by-minute football news, and the Internet.

\*One FREE on-line entry via LineOne including all transfers. This is worth £9.

## HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS

All 1997-8 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League, Northern Division and Tennents Scottish Cup count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

# Guide to players, transfers and revaluations

From today a number of ITF players have new values, offering intriguing possibilities for skilful transfers



**SKY sports**  
interactive

A new addition to Interactive Team Football is player revaluation, which will take place four times during the season, and will reflect changes to the market values of certain players as a result of injuries, loss of form, a consistent scoring streak or a run of shut-outs.

The first revaluation comes into force at midnight tonight. Until then, players affected can be transferred in and out at their original valuations. After that, the new prices (shown in brackets in the lists below) come into force. Further revaluations will take place every two months up to and including the end of March.

A rise in the price of a player

in your existing team, which raises the total value of the squad over the £35 million total limit, does not mean that you will have to make transfers to restore the balance. In effect, your sound judgment of a player has earned you the right to spend more of your chairman's money. However, a player transferring out of your team can only command the new price.

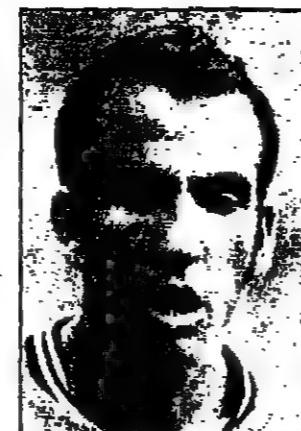
In other words, if Regi Blazquez, currently valued at £1.5 million, is in your team, you can sell him tomorrow for £3 million and — here's the good part — buy a player of equivalent value who might previously have been out of your price range. Conversely, if you paid £2.5 million for his Celtic team-mate Tommy Johnson, you will get £1 million less if you sell him after midnight tonight.

Individuals who have started the season well, like Marco Negri of Rangers, who will cost £3 million more tomorrow than he does today, find their increased valuations reflecting their good form, but the most startling rises in market value have occurred in players with teams whose results have generally exceeded expectations.

Blackburn Rovers are a good example: their four listed midfield players have each gone up in value by £500,000, while Chris Sutton, whose goalscoring form has returned him to the fringes of the England squad, has doubled in value from £3 million to £6 million.

Where expectations have not been met, however, the fluctuations can be even more drastic. Paolo Di Canio was rated at £6.5 million on the threshold of a season that promised much for the white-booted one and for Sheffield Wednesday, contenders for a European place last season. Di Canio's stock has fallen by £3.5 million, the largest change in any valuation.

Words: Nick Szczepanik



JEFF J MITCHELL

PAUL STOOGES

IN

20403	Damen Barnard	Barnsley	£1.0m
22003	Rob Jones	Liverpool	£3.0m
22803	Steve Carr	Tottenham	£2.0m
30204	Steve Bould	Arsenal	£3.0m
32704	Ken Monkou	Southampton	£1.0m
42705	Carlton Palmer	Southampton	£1.5m
50704	Simon Donnelly	Celtic	£4.5m
50705	Henrik Larsson	Celtic	£4.5m
51104	Dean Burton	Derby	£1.5m

OUT

41302	Derek Fleming	Dunfermline	
50701	Jorge Cadete	Celtic	

MOVED

42904	Michael Hughes	Wimbledon	£1.5m
		transferred from West Ham (price reduced to £2.0m)	

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER

□ YOU MAY transfer as and when you wish according to your team transfer allowance. If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You may adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

□ EACH TEAM that was entered by August 3 was allocated 60 transfers for the season and each team registering after that date has its number of transfers reduced by three per week up to December 13. All teams registered before noon that day will be allocated an extra 20 transfers. Teams registered after noon on December 13 will be allocated 20 transfers for the rest of the season.

□ THE LINE is open now and will remain open for the duration of the season. You can call it from a telephone box using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone). You will need ten digits for your PIN which you will have to tap in (not speak). Follow the simple instructions and tap in the five-digit codes of the players that you are transferring.

□ YOU MAY make up to four transfers per call but may make as many calls as you wish to achieve the required amount of transfers.

□ TRANSFERS made before 12 noon on any day will become effective for matches starting after that time. Transfers made after 12 noon will become effective for matches starting after 12 noon the following day.

□ YOUR NEW player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but is then erased to score for you.

□ CALLS COST 80p per minute and calls from a telephone box cost approximately twice as much.

Transfer number: 0891 884 628.

Outside the UK: +44 990 200 538.

FULL PLAYERS LISTS INCLUDING OCTOBER REVALUATIONS, WITH OLD PRICES IN BRACKETS. NEW PRICES EFFECTIVE FROM MIDNIGHT TONIGHT

Code	Name	Team	Cost (old)	Week Total
10101	J Leighton	Aberdeen	2.00	-3 -11
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	8 27
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	9.00	-2 14
10401	D Watson	Barnsley	1.00	-4 -15
10501	T Flowers	Blackburn	3.50	9 16
10601	K Branagan	Bolton	1.50	2 14
10701	S Kerr	Celtic	4.00	0 0
10801	E De Geoy	Chelsea	3.00	5 17
10901	S Ogrizovic	Coventry	1.50	9 16
11001	C Nash	C Palace	0.25 (1.00)	0 0
1102	K Miller	C Palace	2.00	-1 17
11101	M Poern	Derby	1.50	9 25
11201	S Dykstra	Dundee U	2.00 (3.00)	0 -12
11301	I Westwater	Dunfermline	1.00	3 2
11401	N Southall	Everton	2.00	0 -1
11501	G Roussent	Hibs	1.50	8 22
11601	C Reid	Hibernian	1.50 (1.00)	0 0
11701	D Lakovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	0 -7
11801	N Martyn	Leeds Utd	3.50	15 18
11901	K Koller	Leicester	2.50 (2.00)	10 41
12001	D James	Liverpool	3.50	5 19
12101	P Schmeichel	Man Utd	5.00	-1 48
12201	S Howie	Motherwell	1.00	0 0
12301	S Glavin	Newcastle	4.00	10 24
12401	A Goran	Rangers	5.00	0 3
12501	K Pashman	Sheffield W	2.00 (2.50)	0 -11
12601	M Taylor	Southampton	0.50 (1.50)	0 0
12601	I Main	St Johnstone	0.50	3 -1
12801	I Walker	Tottenham	3.00	9 25
12901	L Mitrosovic	West Ham	2.00	-1 9
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	2.50	10 17

Code	Name	Team	Cost (old)	Week Total
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	1 4
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	1 14
20203	E Pett	Arsenal	3.00 (2.50)	4 5
20301	S Stannion	Aston Villa	3.00	1 10
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	-3 5
20303	F Grayson	Aston Villa	2.50	-2 5
20401	N Eaden	Barnsley	0.50	-2 -2
20402	N Thompson	Blackburn	0.50	0 0
20502	J Kenne	Blackburn	2.50 (2.00)	3 15
20503	P Valery	Blackburn	2.50 (2.00)	1 8
20601	N Cox	Bolton	2.00	0 3
20602	M Whittow	Bolton	1.50	-1 3
20701	R Elliott	Bolton	2.00	0 4
20702	T Boyd	Celtic	3.50	1 10
20703	J McInally	Celtic	3.50	0 0
20703	J McNa Mara	Celtic	3.00	1 3
20801	G Le Saux	Chelsea	4.00	4 16
20802	C Petrescu	Chelsea	4.00	-1 20
20803	C Babayaro	Chelsea	2.00 (2.50)	0 0
20804	D Burrows	Coventry	1.00	4 5
20902	B Borrow	Coventry	1.00	0 0
20903	M Hall	Coventry	1.00	4 6
21001	D Gordon	C Palace	1.50	3 11
21002	M Edworthy	C Palace	1.50	-1 4
21003	K Muzac	C Palace	1.00	-3 5
21101	C Powell	Derby	1.50	5 14
21202	D Yates	Derby	1.00	0 0
21401	A Hinckliffe	Everton	2.50	-5 -6
21402	E Berndt	Everton	1.50	-1 2
21403	T Phelan	Everton	1.50	-1 2
21501	G Locke	Hearts	1.50	1 1
21701	D Kerr	Kilmarnock	1.00	0 0
21801	G Kelly	Leeds Utd	2.50	10 7
21802	D Robertson	Leicester	1.50	5 27
21902	S Guppy	Liverpool	4.00	4 9
22001	S Bjorneby	Liverpool	3.00 (4.00)	0 1
22002	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	-2 20
22101	D Irwin	Man Utd	4.00	3.50 -1 18
22102	G Neville	Man Utd	3.50	-1 10
22103	P Neville	Man Utd	3.50	-1 10
22301	S Watson	Newcastle	3.00	4 13
22302	W Barton	Newcastle	2.00	1 9
22303	J Beresford	Newcastle	2.00 (1.50)	2 15
22304	S Pearce	Rangers	3.00	4 10
22401	A Cleland	Rangers	3.00	8 12
22402	S Stansess	Sheffield W	2.00 (2.50)	-6 -18
22501	P Blomdeau	Sheffield W	2.00	-5 -9
22502	I Nolan	Southampton	1.00	0 0
22701	J Dodd	Southampton	0.75	-4 -5
22702	F Benati	Southampton	0.75	0 0
22703	S Charlton	Tottenham	2.00	0 0
22801	C Wilson	Tottenham	2.00 (1.00)	0 1
22802	J Edinburgh	West Ham	3.00	0 0
22803	J Dicks	West Ham	1.50	1 1

## NEWS

**Mandelson rejected by old Left**

■ Labour activists embarrassed Tony Blair by rejecting his close adviser and friend Peter Mandelson as a member of the party's ruling body.

The vote ended the Prime Minister's hopes of a trouble-free party conference and overshadowed preparations for his address today. But Mr Blair, his advisers and Mr Mandelson himself swiftly countered suggestions that the defeat of one of the architects of new Labour was a vote against modernisation — which will be the theme of today's speech. Pages 1, 8, 9

**Insurance to replace benefits**

■ Greater use of insurance to replace a range of state benefits is being considered by the Government as part of the reform of the welfare state. Ministers are asking if benefits taken for granted should continue to be paid by the state. Page 1

**Princess of Wales**

Friends of Diana, Princess of Wales, welcomed the fact that the record had finally been put straight on her troubled and often unhappy life. Pages 1, 4

**ITV raiders**

ITV has raided the BBC's ideas and talent cupboard in a bid to arrest its ratings decline and convince Britain's advertisers that it has a future. Page 1

**Beef blamed**

Compelling evidence that mad cow disease (BSE) can be transmitted to humans has been found by British scientists. Page 2

**Bullies 'hounded girl'**

The parents of a 13-year-old girl, found dead after a suspected overdose, have blamed the tragedy on bullies who targeted the family because they belonged to the Salvation Army. Page 3

**Sinatra dispute**

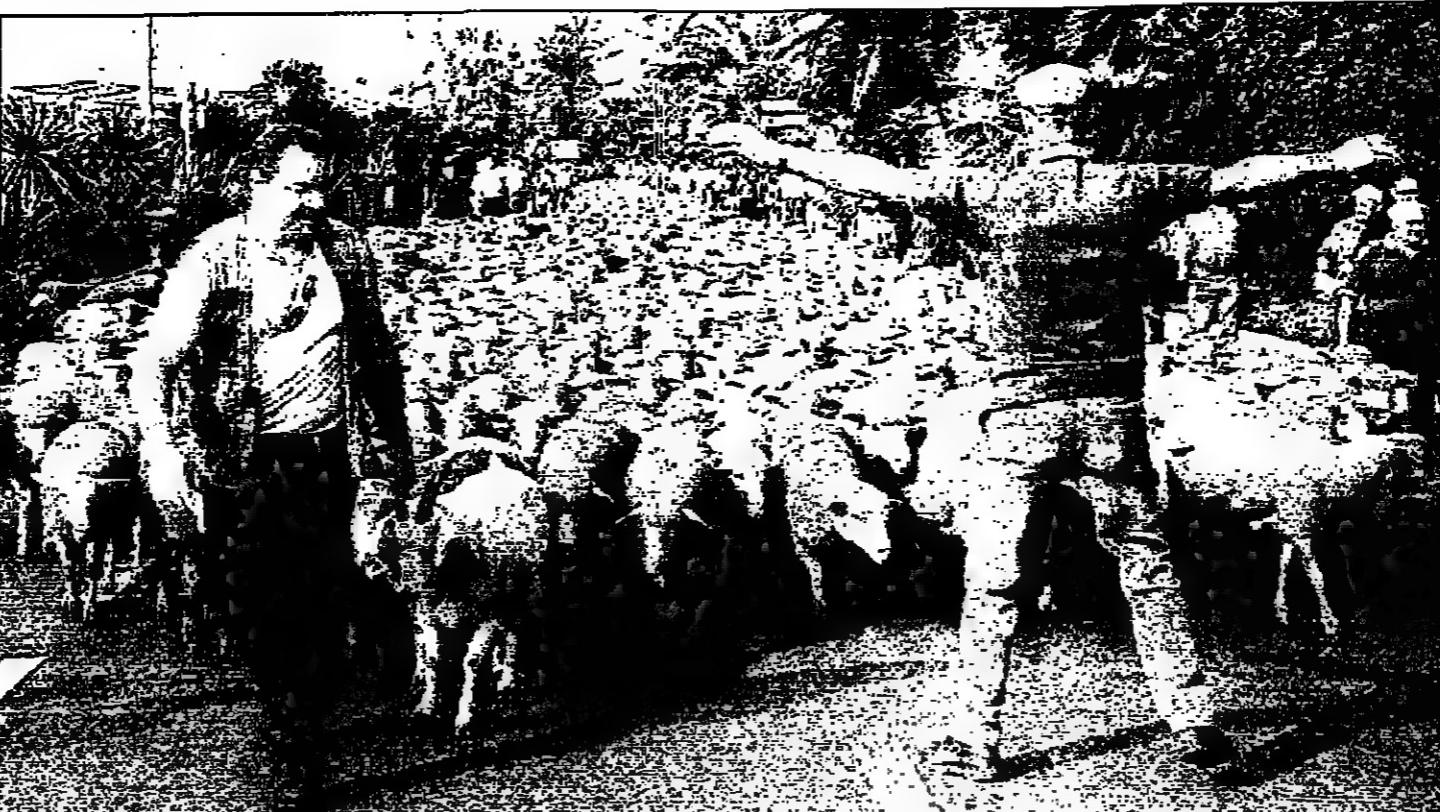
An unseemly "inheritance war" has erupted within the family of Frank Sinatra, pitting the 81-year-old singer's children — Tina, Frank Jr. and Nancy — against his fourth wife. Page 5

**Hardy church robbed**

A Cornish church immortalised by Thomas Hardy has had its altar stolen. St Julian's is the latest in a series of remote West Country churches to be targeted by thieves feeding a market for religious artefacts. Page 6

**Repentant men join a sobbing march**

■ They sob as they hug each other, swear they love their families and God, beg forgiveness for doing wrong and promise now to be better fathers and husbands. Washington is bracing itself for the arrival on Saturday of the Promise Keepers, the controversial Christian men's movement which has swept the country in just seven years. Page 11



Shepherds protest in Nice about the reintroduction of wolves into the Mercantour National Park. They say 2,000 sheep have been killed

**BUSINESS**

Gilt deal: Heavy buying of gilt futures was reported preceding reports that the Cabinet is adopting a more positive stance on membership of a single currency. Page 25

Pubs approval: The European Commission ruled that Whitbread was entitled to charge tenants more than the standard price for beer because it provided them with other benefits. Page 25

Penion fine: Midland Bank has been fined £150,000 for its part in the pensions mis-selling scandal. It wrongly advised some of its customers to ditch their company pension scheme. Page 25

Markets: The FTSE 100 fell 6.0 to 5203. Sterling rose from 99.7 to 100.2, rising from \$1.6053 to \$1.6168 and DM2.8324 to DM2.8438. Page 28

**SPORT**

Football: England recall Liverpool's Steve McManaman and Robbie Fowler for the decisive World Cup game against Italy in Rome. Page 48

Golf: Severiano Ballesteros has identified Bernhard Langer as the man to succeed him as Europe's Ryder Cup captain and take the team to Boston in two years' time. Page 48

Olympic Games: Many of Britain's competitors have been told by sports councils that they face being taxed on the money they are awarded from the Lottery. Page 17

Equestrian: Doubts over the future of the Horse of the Year Show were dispelled after the show broke even having made losses in the past two years. Page 45

**ARTS**

Savage art: On loan to the National Gallery, Rembrandt's *The Blinding of Samson* pulls no punches in its ferocious portrayal of the biblical story. Page 16

Carte blanche: Armed with a new home, a new sponsor and an Arts Council grant, D'Oyle Carte is back in fine form with two productions of solid pleasure. Page 17

Holy vigil: James MacMillan's powerful three-movement symphony, Vigil, symbolising birth and rebirth in an Easter setting, received its premiere. Page 17

Jazz greatness: A four-album CD set allows enthusiasts to savour the full experience of four nights of legendary music-making in 1961 by the saxophonist John Coltrane. Page 17

**FEATURES**

Royal biography: In Part Two of our extracts from *Diana, Her True Story — In Her Own Words*, the author, Andrew Morton, says that for the Princess, the act of talking about her life provoked many memories, some cheerful, others almost too difficult to put into words. Page 14, 15

**COLUMNISTS****LIBBY PURVES**

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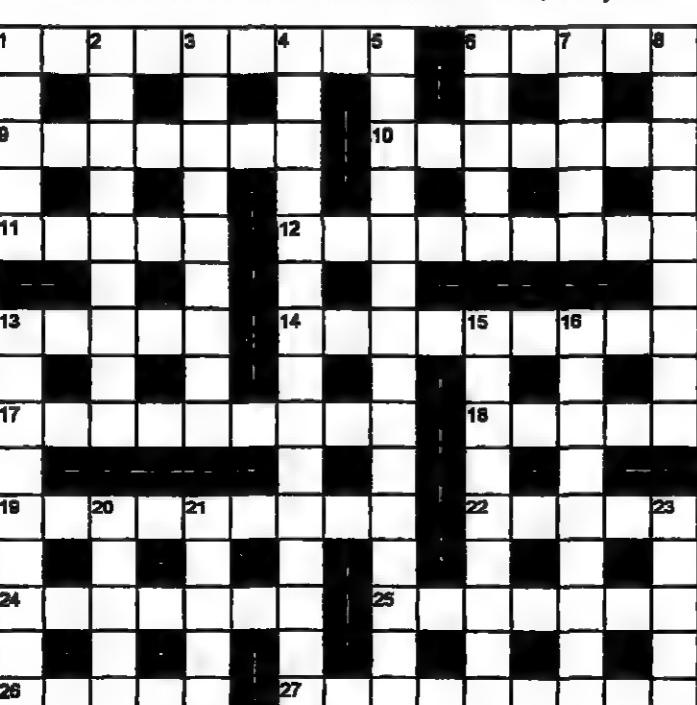
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## Brussels gives backing to system of tied pubs

FROM CHARLES BRENNER  
IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission yesterday gave its blessing to Britain's system of tied pubs, ruling that Whitbread was entitled to charge its tenants more than the standard price for its beer because it provided them with other benefits.

Although the Commission's provisional decision affects only Whitbread, Britain's third-biggest brewer, it called it "an important signal for the numerous litigation cases in the UK involving tenants and lessors who argue that their lease infringes EC competition law".

It went on: "In those circumstances, the Commission considers

that the tied lessors can compete on a level-playing field with their 'free-trading' competitors and that an exemption consequently seems acceptable." Whitbread operates 2,130 "tenanted" pubs out of 5,000. "Our finding in the case of Whitbread is just the first to emerge," said a Commission official in Brussels. "We have found that although lessors tied to Whitbread are bound by certain rules governing their pub leases, other aspects more than compensate. If we find in the case of other breweries that there is sufficient compensation for higher beer prices, then it follows that we will clear them as well."

Tenants and other interested parties have a month to give their views before the Commission gives its final ruling. Officials pointed out that the Commission was not aiming to apply the same scrutiny to leases on pubs owned by small and regional breweries because the smaller scale meant that these fall outside the scope of EU competition law.

The Campaign for Real Ale welcomed this, saying: "Maintaining ties for medium and small-sized breweries is the only possible way for them to compete in the market."

The Commission is assessing the lease arrangements of other big brewers, including Scottish &

Newcastle and Bass. In addition, it is looking at pub estates run by Intrepreneur Pub Company and Allied Domex Retailing.

Last week Nomura, the Japanese investment bank, acquired Intrepreneur and Spring Inns from Grand Metropolitan and Foster's Brewing Group for £1.2 billion. The acquisition added 1,400 pubs to Nomura's existing 1,100-strong Phoenix Inns chain. Intrepreneur, set up in 1991, has been embroiled in litigation with licensees because of the company's decision to introduce 20-year leases at much higher rents while charging tenants above market rate for their beer.

## Millions made on gilts before EMU report

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

CITY firms earned millions of pounds in profits in an unusually heavy bout of trading in gilt futures on the day before Friday morning's report that the Cabinet was adopting a more positive stance on membership of a single currency.

Several investment banks were reported to have been heavy buyers of gilt futures in the trading pit at Liffe, the London International Financial Futures Exchange, on Thursday afternoon. Goldman Sachs was the name which featured most in City gossip.

The sterling gilt future had been gently sliding during the Thursday afternoon session but then repeated, heavy buy orders came in, pushing the contract's price up by a full point by the end of trading.

The price climbed further on Friday in response to a report in the *Financial Times*, denied by the Treasury, that the Government was on the point of adopting a much more positive approach to economic and monetary union. The report started a dramatic sell-off in sterling, a rally in the gilt market and a surge in the stock market.

As early as Wednesday, a perception was emerging that the Government was inching towards a more positive EMU policy. Tony Blair held a breakfast meeting with business leaders and was reported to have been distinctly warmer in his tone on EMU. But it was the FT story, subsequently denied by

both Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and Robin Cook, Foreign Secretary, which set the markets alight.

It is widely assumed that the suggestion of a shift in government EMU policy was leaked to the FT by close aides of Mr Brown. They figured heavily in last night's Scottish Television documentary on the election campaign, among them Sue Nye, head of Mr Brown's private office.

She is married to Gavin Davies, chief economist at Goldman Sachs. The investment bank has often found itself under unusual scrutiny

from City gossips because of the close ties Mr Davies has with the Government. Goldman Sachs is highly sensitive to Mr Davies's connections and he operates within strictly enforced Chinese walls.

Liffe confirmed that Thursday was an unusually busy day in the gilts futures pit with 116,592 contracts traded compared with a daily average in August of 75,000 contracts. Friday was even busier with 193,343 traded.

Traders in the pit estimated that Goldman Sachs may have bought between 12,000 and 15,000 lots, worth between £600 million and £700 million. They calculated that, if 15,000 lots had been bought at Thursday's lowest levels and sold at Friday's peaks, the profit would have been more than £1 million.

Goldman Sachs yesterday declined to comment. However, economists at the bank have been arguing for some time that the spread between gilt futures and German bund futures would narrow and it appears that its activity on Thursday was the kind of convergence play that it had been recommending to its clients.

Their futures traders have a reputation for making very large bets in the futures markets but the sheer size of its orders on Thursday was a talking point on the floor of Liffe. One trader said: "The timing, just before the FT report, was breathtaking. They must be brilliant."



Liffe trading surged



Paper millionaires: John Pfeil, left, Newsquest's finance director, and Jim Brown

## Publisher promises further savings

BY RAY SNOODY  
MEDIA EDITOR

NEWSQUEST, the regional newspaper group, is promising significant savings still to come at Westminster Press (WP), the group acquired from Pearson last year.

Jim Brown, chairman of Newsquest, said WP, bought for £26 million, had been "a great buy for us". Yesterday Newsquest published its prospectus for a Stock Exchange flotation designed to raise £100 million. The indicative price range of 250p to 290p a share values Newsquest at £540 million at the mid-point.

The company has 173 paid-for and free titles. It is the largest publisher of free newspapers in the UK, with a total distribution and circulation of 5.2 million copies per issue.

Mr Brown said Newsquest had to act urgently to tackle the problems of WP. "We had to address the circulation problem and fix it damned quickly too," he said, adding that margins at WP will soon be higher than in the rest of the group.

Pro forma figures for the year to December 1997 show operating profit of £67.3 million on turnover of £277.1 million. The figures take account of the planned disposal of Wessen Newspapers and the costs of the offer.

Mr Brown is one of six top managers who will become paper millionaires next month if the float goes ahead on schedule. The six will hold 4 to 5 per cent of the company. KKR and Cinven will reduce their stakes to 43 per cent and 15 per cent respectively. New shareholders will have about 37 per cent.

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## Spending boom is poised to continue

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY  
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

CONSUMER credit surged again in August, raising fears that the high street spending boom will last well into the autumn. The latest monetary statistics also pointed to strong spending growth, while house prices continue to rise sharply.

Net consumer credit rose £1.05 billion in August, compared with £501 million in July but at a similar level to August 1996. M0, the measure of narrow money supply, accelerated from an annual rate of 5 per cent in August to 6.1 per cent in September — the fastest rate of increase since May.

Adam Cole, UK economist at James Capel, said the data was consistent with the view that rates would rise further "as the strength of consumer spending in the second half of the year becomes apparent".

But Simon Briscoe, director of research at Nikko Europe, put some of the consumer credit growth down to the exceptional August car sales and pointed to a decline in the quarterly consumer credit growth rates.

The latest Nationwide house price survey showed prices rising 1.7 per cent between August and September. They are now 12.9 per cent higher than last year. But Nationwide said the strength of the rise could be misleading and the main cause of the rise is the continuing shortage of property.

Separate Bank of England data for August showed gross mortgage lending slipping from £6.91 billion in July to £6.52 billion; net lending fell from £2.29 billion to £2.12 billion.

## Asda at odds with Safeway

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

DIVISIONS between Safeway and Asda over how their £9 billion merger would have worked if it had not been aborted emerged yesterday with sources at Asda claiming the deal would have given their company the upper hand.

Asda said all stores would have traded under the Asda name, with the headquarters for the business at its base in Leeds. It would also have been run by Allan Leighton, Asda chief executive. Archie Norman, chairman of Asda, and David Webster, chairman of Safeway,

would have acted as joint chairmen of the group and Colin Smith, chief executive of Safeway, would have been either deputy chairman or group finance director.

Safeway dismissed this, saying

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that none of the issues had been discussed and that, presented this way, the deal "would be a takeover without a premium".

Asda said it intended to go it alone as the deal was now "dead".

## Midland fined £150,000

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

MIDLAND BANK has been fined £150,000 by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), the investment regulator, over pensions mis-selling.

The high street bank, which must also pay costs of £70,708, wrongly advised some customers to leave their company pension scheme and take out a personal pension.

Tony Ashford, Midland deputy managing director, said: "We are disappointed about the fine. We stopped doing transfer business in 1993. With hindsight we should

have gone into more detail about the client's circumstances."

Midland estimates that it will cost about £45 million to compensate customers it has mis-sold a personal pension. The bank said it had already completed three-quarters of its review of pension transfer cases and offered compensation to 865 of its 1,130 "priority" customers.

The fine marks the end of a complete review by Imro of the pensions transfer business. Six Imro-regulated firms have been fined a total of £880,000. The biggest fines have been levied against Lloyds Bank, at £250,000, and

Godwins, at £200,000. The review aimed to find companies that had encouraged employees to transfer erroneously out of their company schemes in to personal pensions.

The end of Imro's review comes as the Personal Investment Authority, the retail regulator, steps up pressure on companies that are being slow to sort out their pensions compensation cases.

It has already fined three companies over their progress and is poised to fine at least a further five. Those that have been fined by Imro will not escape a further fine from the PIA.

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## Leicester City plans £24m float

Leicester City yesterday became the latest Premiership football club to announce a stock market flotation, with a deal that will value it at about £24 million.

The club will reverse into Soccer Investments, the shell company floated this year for the purpose of taking over a Premiership club. It will offer 31.38 shares for each Leicester share, valued at 10p. It will also put £11 million into the club to buy players, increase its stadium capacity and improve commercial operations.

The deal follows the recent flotation of Nottingham Forest, Chelsea Village and Newcastle United.

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## Albany sold

Albany Life, one of the pension companies named and shamed by Helen Lidell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, has been bought from its parent, MetLife, by Canada Life Assurance Company of Toronto. Albany Life, based in Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, has 230,000 policyholders in the UK and generated a total new business premium income of £49 million last year. The sale to Canada Life, a mutual, requires regulatory approval. The deal's value was not disclosed.

## Capital deal

Capital Radio, the UK's largest commercial radio group, has sold its 12.9 per cent stake in GWR, the rival commercial radio group, for £23.9 million. Capital, which is currently waiting for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to approve its acquisition of Virgin Radio, took 14 million shares in GWR when it sold Mercia Sound, Leicester Sound and Radio Trent to the company in 1993. Capital yesterday said that its decision to sell the stake was part of its strategy to focus entirely on wholly-owned radio businesses.

# Bearish stock bets fuel \$300m loss for Salomon divisions

FROM OLIVER AUGUST  
IN NEW YORK

was lost in derivatives trading. These losses apparently stem from bearish stock bets in the US and Europe. Global investment banking is said to have lost \$100 million after large-scale expansion of overseas operations.

A Salomon spokesman said overseas operations were profitable but declined to comment further. Salomon as a whole will be profitable but full-year pre-tax profits are expected to be below analysts' forecasts of \$166 million.

Travelers Group, a financial service and insurance company, said it was familiar

with Salomon's financial position and the friendly takeover was on course to be completed by the end of this year.

A spokeswoman said: "We know they are investing internationally and they are stronger in fixed income than in equities. That's why the transaction is such a wonderful fit."

While Salomon employees will make huge profits on their shareholdings as a result of the takeover, their pay will suffer after the drop in profits. Bonuses, which make up the largest chunk of annual incomes, will be set in coming weeks.

In a further provision, Salomon also has to at least match

Deryck Maughan, Salomon chief executive, is set for a sharp drop in his \$10 million pay package. Mr Maughan, who initiated the Travelers deal, is on a profit-sensitive pay scheme. While he received \$10 million last year, the previous two years he received no bonus at all because specific criteria had not been met.

His contract states that Salomon has to top 15 per cent return on equity over the year to be eligible for a bonus. So far this year, Salomon has hovered around 15 per cent. In a further provision, Salomon also has to at least match

the performance of five rival banks. Their return on equity has been around 20 per cent this year, putting Mr Maughan's bonus further into question.

Accounts of the losses have confirmed Wall Street opinions on which side got the better deal in the takeover. On the day of the announcement, analysts were surprised that Sandford Weill, the Travelers chief executive known for shrewd dealmaking, had paid \$81 per share when they stood at \$50 ahead of bid rumours. The price looks even more favourable to Salomon now.

## New deal simplifies European mergers

COMPANIES pursuing cross-border European mergers stand to save millions in management time and fees as a result of a landmark deal between competition authorities in the UK, France and Germany. A Europe-wide streamlining of the rules could follow the move by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) and its French and German counterparts, which turn on the introduction of a common form accepted by all three bodies for mergers that have to be examined in more than one of these countries.

Previously, if a merger was subject to control in several countries, enterprises had to submit different information to the national competition authorities. To reduce this burden, businesses can now submit the same information in all three countries by filling in a two-page form. Companies will be told within a month if further examination is required. Legal experts said companies stood to make considerable savings in management time and fees. The OFT said that the initiative was thought to be the first of its kind between European competition authorities. It hoped that the move would have a knock-on effect throughout the EC.

## Oasis in need of Spice

OASIS said yesterday that sales of its autumn ranges have failed to take off in recent weeks because they lack the wild Spice Girls-style items that are selling fast elsewhere. The clothes retailer blamed the warm autumn weather and the aftermath of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, for poor sales, which were flat in the first eight weeks of the second half. Pre-tax profit in the first half was £3.68 million (£5.18 million). The interim dividend is 2.4p (2.1p), payable on November 7.

## Unit trust sales slip

UNIT TRUST sales slipped in August, as investors grew nervous about falls in share prices in some world markets. Institutional investors, in particular, steered clear of unit trusts, buying £57 million worth in the month, the lowest level for 18 months. Total sales were £349 million, down from £545 million in July. The Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds attributed the fall in sales to the declines in markets such as Japan.

## Westminster confident

WESTMINSTER HEALTHCARE shares rose 10p to 293½p after John Lockhart, the chairman, told the annual meeting that there are signs the sector's volume difficulties are easing. However, he added: "Pricing remains a factor and clearly, without a realistic pricing policy, there will be reluctance to undertake any new development of nursing homes... we are encouraged by the start that has been made in the new financial year and look forward to the future with confidence."

## Care First resignation

CHAI PATEL, the former chief executive of Care First, the embattled nursing homes group, yesterday resigned as a director from the board. The move came after his resignation as chief executive last month after a personal battle with Keith Bradshaw, the company's chairman. Dr Patel had hoped to gather enough support from shareholders to be reinstated as chief executive, which would have forced Mr Bradshaw to resign, but he abandoned the fight last week.

## NatWest's second Rose

NATWEST BANK is to repackage loans worth \$5 billion (£3 billion) into bonds. The securitisation deal will be launched in the name of Rose (Repeat Offering Securitisation Entity) Funding No 2, a special purpose vehicle established by NatWest Markets to issue dollar and sterling denominated floating-rate notes in the Eurobond market. A year ago NatWest first went public with its plans for Rose Funding No 1, a \$5 billion transaction in 11 tranches of floating-rate notes.

## Capital and Regional up

CAPITAL AND REGIONAL PROPERTIES raised pre-tax profit from £2.5 million to £3.5 million in the six months to June 24. Earnings rose from 5p to 5.9p out of which an unchanged half-year dividend of 1p will be paid. Rental income rose from £7.9 million to £11.4 million. The group recently acquired five shopping centres for £147 million, increasing its portfolio to nine. Retail now accounts for 90 per cent of the group's portfolio. The shares rose 2.4p to 25.5p.

## Ricardo holds payout

RICARDO GROUP, the automotive engineering company, is holding the total dividend at 6.3p a share after incurring a pre-tax loss of £13.95 million in the year to June 30, compared with profits of £4.7 million. Losses were 33p a share, against earnings of 5.9p last time. The final dividend of 4.3p is due on November 28. The loss followed a £19.7 million charge against a disposal, restructuring in America and a property writedown. Trading profits were £5.7 million (£5.6 million).

## TOURIST RATES

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Austria	21.03	Netherlands	3.382
Belgium Fr	61.84	Finland	3.20
Canada \$	55.84	Norway Kr	15.10
Cyprus CypC	2.963	Portugal Esc	302.03
Denmark Kr	11.41	S Africa Rand	10.00
Finland Mkr	8.05	S. Korea Wons	25.20
France Fr	10.01	Sweden Kr	15.03
Greece Dr	3.11	Switzerland Fr	2.25
Hong Kong \$	475	Turkey Lira	188.765
Iceland Kr	12.33	U.S. \$	1.75
Israel Sheq	1.18	Yugoslavia Dinar	1.75
Italy Lira	525	Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.	
Japan Yen	2959		
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	192.90		

## ITN to expand into Europe

BY RAYMOND SNOODY, MEDIA EDITOR

INDEPENDENT Television News, the broadcaster, has signed heads of agreement to take a major stake plus managerial control in Euronews, the European television news channel.

Under the deal ITN will buy the 40 per cent stake in the cable and satellite venture now held by Alcatel, the

French electronics group, and run the channel in future. Stuart Purvis, chief executive of ITN, is optimistic that agreement can be reached before October 31, although a deal ultimately depends on the ITN board approving a Euronews business plan now being drawn up. If ITN takes control of the channel it will be

the UK news organisation's biggest international expansion. It will also mean ITN competing across Europe for the 24-hour news audience with Cable News Network, the BBC and SKY News.

Euronews, based in Lyons, has been available in cable and satellite homes across Europe but its position has been weak and it has survived a number of funding crises. Apart from Alcatel its main shareholders include TV of Spain, RAI of Italy, France Television and the Swiss national

broadcasting.

Ron Zeghibe, chief executive of the media agency Maiden Group, raised first-half pre-tax profits by 68 per cent to £4.8 million. The dividend is 2.0p.

## Saudi billionaire invests \$20m in New York label

## Donna Karan's princely cut

BY JON ASHWORTH

DONNA KARAN NEW YORK (DKNY) has become the latest high-profile name to catch the eye of Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal, the billionaire Saudi investor who bailed out Euro Disney.

He is paying more than \$20 million for a 7 per cent stake in DKNY, including 1 per cent for the benefit of Princess Reem, his daughter. It is the first time that a member of the prince's family has been publicly associated with his deal-making.

In a statement, Prince al-Waleed said he had been monitoring the company's performance for some time and was "very pleased" with the DKNY range of products. He considers DKNY a fast-growing label. His investment links him obliquely with Christina Ong, wife of Ong Beng Seng, the billionaire Singapore entrepreneur, who distributes DKNY in the UK, the Far East and Australasia.

Prince al-Waleed made his first move into retailing in 1993, when he paid \$100 million for a 10 per cent stake in Saks Fifth

Avenue. His investment portfolio spans Citicorp, Euro Disney, Canary Wharf, Mediaset, TWA, Planet Hollywood, Apple Computer, Coriant, and Norwegian Cruise Line.

He holds stakes in the Four Seasons and Fairmont hotel chains, and has interests in the George V in Paris, the Plaza in New York, the Copley Plaza in Boston, and a number of luxury hotels in the Middle East. *Forbes* magazine estimates the value of his investments at \$11 billion.

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Rarely do corporate mergers amount to a coming together of equals and in Safeway's acknowledged approach to Asda there is a tacit admission of weakness. Had the two eventually joined forces, it is the brash northerner, Asda, which would have certainly emerged as senior partner. Now, with the relationship over almost before it began, Safeway is left with its vulnerability exposed.

Safeway's problem is in a store portfolio which is not ideally suited to the demands of today's shopper, let alone tomorrow's. Under the guidance of Sir Alistair Grant, now decamped to his Scottish homeland and the chairmanship of the Scottish & Newcastle drinks business, Safeway has held its ground as a major player in a highly competitive market, but its share of that market is likely to come under increasing piling from rivals with more winning formats.

That knowledge must have provided the impetus to send Sir Alistair's successor, David Webster, to Leeds in search of support. Although Asda is now keen to play down its enthusiasm for a deal, it seems that the initial approach did generate sufficient interest for the two companies to work together on proposals to put before the Office of Fair Trading.

There is a superficial attraction in putting together the third and fourth players in the sector to mount a real challenge against Sainsbury and the ever more

successful Tesco. But gauging the shape of that challenger only serves to highlight the difficulties that Safeway faces.

Profit growth for supermarkets is coming increasingly from adding to the range of goods on offer, with grocers metamorphosing into newsagents, chemists, and, most recently, banks. Asda has professed the aim of making itself the country's second largest retailer for family clothing, acknowledging the impossibility of budging Marks & Spencer from the number one slot but prepared to take on the rest.

Becoming a one stop shop needs space, and Asda has it but too many Safeway stores are hangovers from another era. It is unlikely that even half of the Safeway portfolio could have converted to the Asda format. The problem of what to do with the rest would have been tricky for the combined group but, without the merger, the out-datedness of many of its stores is an issue which will make life increasingly difficult for David Webster and his chief executive, Colin Smith.

Their need of a deal is more pressing than that of Asda, which has lined up a useful

physical expansion programme. But Asda, too, is keen for a corporate coup. A year ago it looked at the ailing Kwik Save and wisely walked away. Then it showed similar restraint over Welcome Break. Chairman Archie Norman is not quite fully occupied as an MP and deputy chairman of the Tory Party. Some of his thoughts will be focused on how to keep Asda shares, and the value of his options, motoring.

#### Full employment by any other name

Labour's new commitment to full employment for a new century sent shudders down the backs of employers. An embarrassed CBI said that employing as many people as possible was undoubtedly a good thing, but that it was more vital to maintain conditions for economic growth, namely low inflation,

than to aim for full employment as "a token in itself".

Significantly, the CBI's own medium-term forecasts envisage unemployment settling at about 1,500,000 into the new century. Its economists expect the economy to grow at its long-term sustainable rate of about 2.25 per cent to 2.5 per cent for the next few years. In that case, extra jobs will be created, net of more cuts in manufacturing and utilities roughly in line with the growth of available labour.

Business is secretly addicted to having a pool of unemployed. Labour flexibility really means hiring and firing much more regularly, so the recruitment market is more sensitive today than when jobs were for life.

Unless Gordon Brown tears up his new contract with the Bank of England, however, he cannot use a dash for growth to mop up the excess million on the dole queue. At the first sign of

inflation, the Bank would yank the interest-rate brake, preserving those wasteful new management habits.

That need not make Mr Brown's commitment an empty one, though it probably is. Structural unemployment still accounts for at least half a million people who have been abandoned in the wrong places or with the wrong skills at the wrong age. Finding jobs for them, with the aid of training, should not be inflationary since they are effective not in the available labour force.

In the 1950s, when inflation was low but half a million out of work was shocking, young people started work two years later because of National Service. Some modern equivalent, perhaps dubbed "Welfare to Work", could have a similar impact, though the aim is more modest.

The Chancellor can still boost jobs via his role as fitter of taxes. Employment is taxed directly

through employers' national insurance contributions. Far more should be employed if NICs were axed and the price of labour permanently cut, unless the laws of supply and demand were miraculously suspended. A higher rate of corporation tax on those who cut jobs than on those who create them would ensure that employers noticed.

#### Business needs to know

The City has been crying out for the President of the Board of Trade to spell out her view on competition. Yesterday, she stood up in Brighton and declared that it was all about "putting the consumer first".

Sadly, in the real world, the choice is rarely so simple as whether to prefer evil big business over the man in the street. That idea smacks uncomfortably of old labour, as did Mrs Beckett's assertion that "We will make sure that business cannot stifle competition at the expense of the family budget."

We have yet to learn how this sentiment will be interpreted in cases such as P&O's wish to join forces with Stena on the cross

channel ferry route or in Littlewoods bid to takeover the Sears' subsidiary, Freemans. The arguments in both cases are complex and the family budget should surely only be one of the elements to be taken into account. Business needs to know the terms on which monopolies will be defined and whether the new government will be prepared to examine market domination in the context of a European market rather than tightly drawn UK regions. If the aim is to build strong companies which can compete on the international stage, there will come a time at which Mrs Beckett has to be prepared to accept that a hefty share of UK business does not necessarily work against consumers' interests. She did yesterday concede that she did not believe all mergers to be evil, but she was not completely convincing.

#### T&N tension

FEDERAL-MOGULS bid for T&N should have been greeted with whoops of joy by shareholders in the company once better known as Turner & Newall. A promise of at least 25p cash per share, more than 40 per cent up on the recent trading level, has been greeted by mutterings that nothing less than 28p will do. Major shareholders PDMF and M&G may need to grab any chance of improving performance but should not be too greedy.

## BG plan will return £1.3bn to investors

BY ADAM JONES

BG, the demerged pipeline and exploration arm of British Gas, yesterday released details of its share buyback, which could return £1.3 billion to shareholders.

The buyback, announced in principle earlier this month, will reduce BG's market capitalisation by 11.8 per cent. It is designed to reduce the cost of capital as the company moves to meet price cuts demanded by the gas regulator. Fees associated with the buyback will total £15 million.

Shareholders will be given 15 new ordinary shares for every 17 that they own. They will also receive 17 "B" shares, worth 30p each, plus a cash sum reflecting any fractional entitlements.

Shareholders will have the option of selling the "B" shares back to BG without commission or dealing expenses, through the brokers Hoare Govett or Cazenove.

For each 100 ordinary shares held, a shareholder who chooses to sell would have £30 returned. Their 88

new ordinary shares will represent the same proportionate interest in the equity of BG as their current holding, barring minor adjustments. It is estimated that 80 to 90 per cent of BG's 1.4 million shareholders will choose to sell in this way. To do so, they must register their intention with BG, on forms sent to them by the company, by October 31.

BG has applied to have the "B" shares listed on the London Stock Exchange. Dealings are expected to begin on November 3. Those who decide to keep them will receive a dividend set at 75 per cent of the 12-month LIBOR, the inter-bank borrowing rate. They will have limited voting rights.

The plan requires the approval of an extraordinary general meeting, which has been called for October 27.

The buyback enables BG to increase its gearing, raising money at a more competitive rate, and accompanies a reduction in the dividend, almost by half.

## Robinson buyout incurs loss

BY GEORGE SIVELL

HOGG ROBINSON, the business support services group, has sold its transport division for up to £23 million to its management, but has incurred an exceptional loss of £12.3 million in the process.

Clive Holmes, managing director of Hogg Robinson Transport, led the buyout. The transport division made £23 million on sales of £121 million in the year to March.

The disposal was not enough to satisfy UK Active Value, the four per cent shareholder that has lobbied the Hogg Robinson board. The board said that the sale proceeds will be used to grow the international business travel and British financial services operations.

UK Active Value, however, believes that financial services should be sold as well and that Hogg Robinson should launch a £25 million to £30 million share buyback.

Shares in Hogg Robinson rose 12½p to 237½p.

## Close lifts its profits past £55m

BY JON ASHWORTH

CLOSE BROTHERS, the merchant bank that owns Winterflood Securities, the smaller companies market-maker, has lifted its profits for the 22nd consecutive year.

Solid performance in its main activities – asset finance, market-making and merchant banking – saw pre-tax profits rise 23 per cent, to £55.4 million, in the year to July 31. Earnings per share were 29.5p (24.5p). A final dividend of 8.2p (6.8p) makes 12p (10p). Fee income from corporate advisory and investment management rose to £39.7 million (£22.9 million), contributing to a more balanced split of revenues. Net fees now contribute 24 per cent of operating profits before central costs, against 20 per cent last time.

Winterflood and Dresdner Kleinwort Benson have launched a joint venture offering a combined automatic execution service covering most UK stocks.

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## Contract failure hits results at McKechnie

THE £4 million cost of abandoning a disastrous US contract held back full year profits at McKechnie, the plastic components manufacturer (Adam Jones writes).

McKechnie warned investors of the charge, classed as an exceptional item in the results, in March. It was incurred after a process for painting plastic mouldings failed to work adequately.

The charge meant pre-tax profits only grew from £50.3 million to £51.6 million in the year to July 31, despite the acquisition of Dzus Fasteners

for £15.6 million last August. Operating profits were £55.3 million (£53.2 million), swelled by a better-than-expected £3.3 million maiden contribution from Dzus. The overall consumer products division saw profits nearly halve due to restructuring in New Zealand and a flat market in Australia.

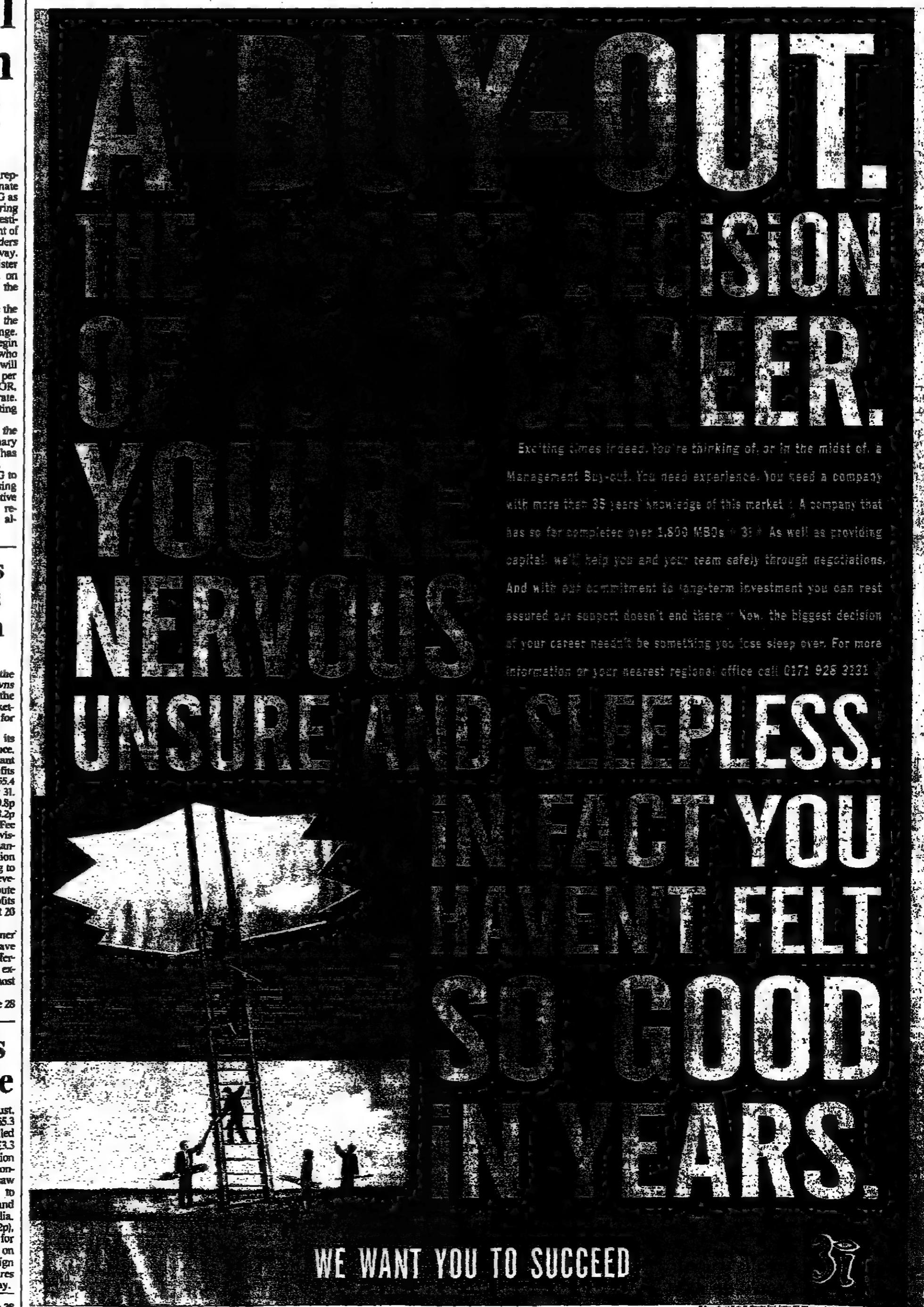
A final dividend of 13p (12p),

making a total of 19.5p (18p) for the year, will be paid on January 2, 1998, as a foreign income dividend. The shares rose 2½p to 502½p yesterday.

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# Safeway left on the shelf

## COMMENTARY by our City Editor



STOCK MARKET



CLARE STEWART

# Ladbroke leads as hopes rise for Hilton alliance

**LADBROKE**, the hotels to betting group, touched a record high as its shares jumped 10p to 276½p, making it one of the best performers among FTSE 100 stocks.

Analysts said the rise reflected hopes of benefits from Ladbroke's marketing alliance with Hilton Hotels Corporation, in particular if the US group is successful in its takeover for ITT Corporation.

Hilton faced ITT Corporation across a Nevada courtroom yesterday, taking issue with ITT's moves to block its advances. There was also some talk of Hilton's interest in a stake in Ladbroke.

After Friday's excitement, shares enjoyed a more subdued day's trading. Despite some profit-taking, they broadly held their nerve.

With talk of closer moves to Europe, some analysts have upgraded their forecasts for the market. Equity strategists at BZW, for example, are now looking for a level of 6,000 by the end of 1998.

Tony Blair and EMU edged slightly out of the spotlight as the main attraction, while the City digested a clutch of economic data including higher consumer credit figures and rates in the Nationwide's house price index.

After seeing in early trade the FTSE 100 lacked further upward momentum, and ended off just six at 5,220.3 on volume of 81.6 million shares.

Sterling's weaker trend together with anticipated benefits if the UK signs up for monetary union, helped to drive exporters higher.

Key beneficiaries included Smiths Industries, up 25½p to 928½p, British Aerospace, up 27½p to £16.48½p and GKN, up 22p to £14.40½p. TI was also up, rising 13½p to 677½p, although less exposed to sterling fluctuations.

Utilities offering attractive yields were also snapped up.

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It rose over 4 per cent with a 19p jump to 471p. Severn Trent ended 10p higher at 921p, while United Utilities added 13½p to 764p.

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Bank of Scotland shares moved 20p higher at one point before drifting back to close at 526½p, up 10p and a new high. The Woolwich closed 6½p lower at 313½p while Northern Rock, quoted at 420p-430p on the grey market, confirmed plans for an auction of 43 per cent of issued shares today.

Among FTSE 100 losers, Reed International was the most prominent casualty as analysts estimated the possible hit to pre-tax profits after the discovery of errors last week. Reed fell 39½p to 507p, down over 5 per cent.

Traders checked out the supermarkets in the wake of the abortive Asda-Safeway merger talks. Asda fell back 5p to 150p, while Tesco was 10p weaker at 472½p and Sainsbury down 8p at 459p.

**DISCOVERIES FUEL PROGRESS**

FTSE oil exploration and production

FTSE all-share Index (rebased)

Source: Datastream

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Safeway put on 9½p to 405½p, while among smaller groups Wm Morrison Supermarkets was lifted 2p higher to 210p. Somerfield put on 20p to 200½p.

T&N, the automotive products group, facing a bid from Federal-Mogul, rose a further 10p to 233½p, on talk of a higher offer.

Break-up speculation fired shares in Hambrus, the merchant bank, 15½p higher to 242½p while Close Brothers ended 2p higher at 482½p after year-end figures marked its twenty-second year of unbroken profits growth.

Insurers were again strong, helped by current gilt valuations.

**Commercial Union** stood out with a 32p jump to 818½p, while General Accident rose 17½p to 101.97½p.

Oasis Stores, where Michael Bennett is chairman and chief executive, fell back 19½p to 245p after reporting a drop in first-half profits and a decline in current like-for-like sales. Other retailers felt the chill, with Next down 19½p to 736p. Despite Oasis's profits slide, some analysts remain long-term buyers of the stock, which they look inexpensive. Storehouse jumped 7p to 250½p with whispers of bid interest resurfacing.

Among other retailers W H Smith dipped 5½p lower to 365p in reaction to Tesco's plans to cut magazine prices.

Hogg Robinson jumped 12½p to 237½p after the £23 million sale of its transport division.

News of expansion into the US helped Flying Flowers 8½p higher to 379½p.

AIM-listed Electro-

phoresics put on 31p to 45p after recent comment, while Science Systems, which floated last week, jumped 2p to 152½p.

**GILT-EDGED:** The market was more settled after last Friday's strong rises. The December series of the long gilt closed down 14 ticks at 119½p to a volume of 88,000 contracts traded.

At the long end Treasury 8 per cent 2015 eased back 1½p, at 114½p, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was off 2½p at 103½p.

**NEW YORK:** Blue chips recovered from morning losses to move higher, with no major fresh news influencing the modest recovery. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was ahead by 16.70 points at 7,938.88.

## MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones 70,308 (+16.70)

S&P Composite 947.38 (-2.16)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average 17,987.21 (-7.59)

Hong Kong:

Hung Seng 14,864.37 (+153.93)

Amsterdam:

Euro 904.05 (-0.49)

Sydney:

AJ 27,745.16 (-1.19)

Frankfurt:

DAX 410.27 (+23.49)

Singapore:

Straits 1594.75 (+11.50)

Brussels:

General 1,852.71 (-10.59)

Paris:

CAC-40 2,988.96 (+3.33)

Zurich:

SMI 2,000 n/a

London:

FT 20 2,625.5 (-10.7)

FTSE 100 5,223.0 (-1.03)

FTSE 250 4,816.1 (-1.73)

FTSE 350 2,526.6 (-1.55)

FTSE Eurotrack 100 2,666.87 (-6.63)

FTSE All-Share 2,444.40 (-1.26)

FTSE Financials 2,959.07 (-1.77)

FTSE Govt Secs 95.95 (-0.33)

Bangkok:

SET 627.9 (-6.27)

SEAO Volume 81,616

US 1,616.8 (+0.0119)

German Mark 2,848.00 (+0.14)

Exchange Index 104.76 (+0.45)

Bank England official close 4,049

ECB 1,443

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**T**ony Blair makes his first speech as Prime Minister to Labour's annual conference today against the background of a new policy commitment: the declaration by Gordon Brown, his Chancellor, of the Government's backing for full employment.

The Chancellor was unequivocal yesterday in his speech to the conference in Brighton. He said the Government would pursue "employment opportunities for all, in every part of the United Kingdom. Full employment for the 21st century—that is the ambition of decent-minded people everywhere."

Full employment. Why is it for some a near-talismanic objective of policy? It is a phrase redolent of history, and steeped in Labourism. It stems from the 1944 White Paper on Employment from Sir William Beveridge, the great social reformer, which set as a goal for economic policy a "high and stable level of employment".

Keynesian economics pursued by both Labour and Conservative governments in

## What Brown means when he talks about full employment

the wake of the White Paper saw precisely that objective being sustained: unemployment in the 1950s and 1960s was at levels so low as to appear staggering now after the high unemployment of the 1980s and 1990s. When Labour was last in power, unemployment above one million seemed politically inconceivable.

Full employment as a policy objective began to unravel with the rise of inflation in the 1970s, and was abandoned as a goal by the Conservatives after 1979.

For Labour, shifting away from the objective of full employment was a more painful experience. It began to disappear under the leadership of Neil Kinnock, who would refer only to "modern full employment", and Labour leaders have been

charity of it until Mr Brown's pronouncement yesterday.

With good reason. Full employment used to mean as many jobs for full-time male manual workers as there were full-time male manual workers wanting them. That idea cannot be embraced by any political leader today, simply because changes in the labour market no longer allow it.

Women now constitute 44 per cent of the economically active workforce, according to figures drawn from the Government's Labour Force Survey. While many of the jobs taken by women still tend to be lower-paid, and are often part-time, the move of women into the workforce cannot be undone. So if the old notion of full employment is unattainable,

why then is the Chancellor reviving the phrase from Labour's historical canon?

Bringing the notion of full employment in from the cold is partly cosmetic. It helps to get people like John Edmonds, leader of the GMB union, off the Government's back. But while welcoming the move, they will be guarded until they see what the phrase means in terms of the economic policies that Mr Brown will pursue.

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What the Chancellor's team mean by full employment is broadly this: anyone wanting a job should have the opportunity of being able to get one. What the Chancellor wants is a new concentration on employment, on jobs, rather than on unem-

ployment, on people being without work. The new talk of full employment specifically avoids targets, either in terms of further falls in the number of people out of work, or in the number of those in jobs.

Full employment in practice, of course, cannot and will not mean the end of unemployment. Even in Keynesian full employment, unemployment was always envisaged as continuing—so-called "frictional" unemployment, as people moved from job to job.

That happens now. Take a full employment town like Andover in Hampshire. Surrounded by rich farming countryside, buoyed by the presence of the Army on Salisbury Plain, and ringed now by thriving small industrial estates, Andover

PHILIP BASSETT

## Safeway ambitions left on the shelf after merger talks fail

**E**nuring the big deals add up is far from simple, says Sarah Cunningham

A merger between Asda and Safeway would have given the supermarkets sector a huge kick in the pants. Tesco and J Sainsbury would have been forced to watch as the merged companies—currently numbers three and four in the pecking order—catapulted into the number one spot, while consumers would have become involved at a new price war broke out.

With the talks off, nothing has really changed except people's perceptions, and they have altered markedly. Asda has clearly failed in its latest attempt to branch out while Safeway has gone from being a respected and dogged performer to looking very vulnerable to takeover.

According to Richard Hyman of the Verdict retail consultancy: "Safeway now appears to lack confidence about their position, but their options are limited."

The failure of the talks after months of negotiations shows how hard it is to make the big deals gel. There are many problems to overcome, ranging from dealing with differences of culture between any two large companies, to the question of who would run the merged business, and then—the most delicate requirement of all—getting any major merger proposal past the Department of Trade and Industry.

According to both sides, it was the likelihood that the bid would be referred by the Office of Fair Trading to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that caused the deal to be shelved. Informal soundings of the OFT had suggested that a referral was likely, and the appearance of weekend press reports that a deal was



The future of Safeway, which pioneered self-scanning, looks vulnerable with the Asda deal now in limbo

imminent meant that the usual high-level confidential guidance would not be forthcoming. With Asda feeling 90 per cent certain that a referral would occur and Safeway unwilling to risk the disruption to business it would entail, talks were simply halted.

The prospect of spending four to six months in suspense, not taking decisions on whether to apply for planning permission on new sites or on new marketing campaigns, while Tesco continued to romp off with more market share and Sainsbury's continued its tentative recovery, was too much for both to bear.

This is not to say that either side thought the deal would be blocked in the end. In fact both were confident it would get through. There is relatively little regional overlap between the two businesses. The North East of England and Scotland are the exceptions. In the latter, the two would have had about 35 per cent market share. On overall market

share they would between them have only slightly more market share than Tesco, which claims about 15 per cent of the total. In Asda's view it was the sheer size of the deal, and the number of employees and consumers affected, that would have made a referral almost inevitable.

The fact that a deal was so seriously discussed, even if it

eventually failed, has changed the perception of every company in the sector in some degree. Tesco is still very much the leader, but for the first time it has become apparent that it could have lost that position. J Sainsbury, weakened by several years of underperformance, could have been badly hurt. They will both be mightily relieved

the merger is off. Asda has now failed to secure two deals—the first to buy Welcome Break from Granada—and appears increasingly directionless although still powered by its very strong sales growth and by its high-margin clothing business. But most vulnerable of all is Safeway, which as one industry insider puts it "has put a large for sale sign above its head".

The two sides have taken a very different view about what a merger would have meant. According to Safeway, the questions of where the business was headquartered, who would have been chief executive and what the stores would be called were never discussed. The other side reckons that the stores would have been renamed Asda, the business would have been located in Asda House in Leeds and Alan Leighton, chief executive of Asda, would have done the same job for the larger group.

Archie Norman, Tory politician and chairman of Asda,

is off. Which explains a sudden interest in the safe constituency of Tooting, south London, where the MP for more years than anyone can remember, Tom Cox, could be heading for retirement. Spotted checking out local property prices: one highly-placed Young Fabian, as yet not an MP, and at least one household name giant-killer. May the best man win.

• *P*ERHAPS Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse need all the help they can get. Both lost to Lloyd's of London at the Reuters rugby sevens at Richmond over the weekend. Coopers lost 43-0—admittedly in the final. Perhaps if they field a merged side next year, The event attracted 1,500 people and raised £12,000 for children's medical research.

A charming vignette from the day's play. A tannoy announcement: "Will Uncle Timmy please come and pick up little Alexia?" Then, rather louder, a child's voice can be heard: "Come on, Uncle Timmy!" My companion snorts. "Probably getting smashed somewhere, and forgotten he's brought his niece." Not so: Uncle Timmy was absent because he was murdering Flemings 40 points to 7 on behalf of Liberty.

### Watery grave

ANOTHER story reaches me from the Labour conference. The term "chicken run" was cleverly coined by the party in opposition to describe Tony Blair's bright young things that the majority in the next election is not going to be commanding, which means that most of those fresh faces that a few Tory giants will not be around

ever and its surrounding travel-to-work area currently enjoys an unemployment rate of just 1.9 per cent.

The effect of this is to see employers all but fighting each other to get staff. Skill shortages are a constant feature of life, allowing employees often to pick and choose what work they want to do and forcing up salaries. Recruitment agencies report that demand for labour is buoyant, and the tills in the shops in the town's Chantry shopping centre reflect that. But unemployment is unlikely to disappear completely.

Long-term unemployment, at about half a million people out of work for more than a year, is still a more serious problem in the UK than elsewhere in Europe. Ministers now talk of rebalancing the Government's New Deal welfare-to-work job subsidy programme, to target more money from the £3.5 billion windfall tax on the long-term out of work and less on the young unemployed.

PHILIP BASSETT

## No name—just images of Boddies

**H**ow do you tell your chief executive that the new million pound advertising campaign will not actually mention the name of the brand?

You present the advertising and then say, "Oh, by the way, there's no brand name," said John Derkach, Whitbread Beers marketing director, the man behind the new Boddingtons campaign.

The new advertisements, which will appear over the autumn, make a play on images of cream, reflecting Boddingtons' long use of the catchphrase "the cream of Manchester". The traditional yellow strip, logo and brand name have been removed.

Research conducted by Bartle Bogle Hegarty, the advertising agency, revealed that 75 per cent of consumers knew that the campaign was for Boddingtons. "Consumers take in more when they have to work it out. People feel particularly rewarded when they worked out the cream caramel pun," said Steve Kershaw, group director of Bartle Bogle Hegarty.

Piers Schmidt, director of Newell and Sorrell, the brand consultancy that is currently advising BA, believes that more companies will start to use no-name advertising. "Consumers are becoming a lot more sophisticated and companies are looking beyond the conventional to appeal to them," he said. "These Boddingtons ads appeal to our detective-like qualities. The Boddy drinker thinks I'm not a thick idiot that needs advertising poured down my throat. You're talking to me as if you understand me."

With this latest campaign Boddingtons has joined an elite group of no-name advertisers, including Silk Cut, Benson & Hedges and, most famously, Nike, which relies on a symbol known as the swoosh to promote its products throughout the world.

Research by TBWA Simon Palmer, Nike's British advertising agency, revealed that at least 80 per cent of consumers recognise the swoosh as standing for Nike, more than the recognition for McDonald's golden arches. "We knew that if we could brand the advertising without the word Nike it would look very stylish," said Peter Bracegirdle, the Nike account director. In a television commercial featuring



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turing the Blur song *Parklife*, the only accompaniment to the swoosh is Nike's catchline "Just do it".

Nike refuses to reveal its advertising spend, but it is believed to be in the region of about £10 million a year in Britain, not much compared with similar brands of its size.

But before companies jettison their existing advertising in favour of no-name campaigns, some words of warning—it will only work if your advertising is very famous. Katrina Campbell, a director at Interbrand, the consultancy, said no-name advertising must tie in with previous campaigns that have used the name. In the case of Boddingtons, the "cream of Manchester" campaign has been running for six years and there have been 37 images, all in the same vein. "Very few brands and campaigns are strong enough to do this," said Campbell.

No-name advertising is a risky tactic, but when it works the impact is tremendous. Most companies can only dream of advertising recall levels of 75 per cent.

□ Marketing directors, once fashionable figures in the boardroom, are suffering a mid-life crisis. Research by The Marketing Society reveals that they are worried about their future and feel threatened by interference from other directors. The sales department is also critical. New research by NHA International, the sales management firm, reveals that 75 per cent of sales directors believe that their marketing departments do not understand customers and 10 per cent say relations between marketing and sales are hostile.

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"Why don't you like doing the football pools?" Molly: "Because he hates ticking the 'No Publicity' box." Harry: "Well, John, I'm sure everyone would like to thank you for that rousing speech..." (yawn).

Boom, boom. Oddly enough, nothing about Margaret Beckett, a politician Safeway has every reason to stay on the right side of. I could tell them a good joke from the time she appeared on TV opposite some Tory minister, Jonathan Aitken I do believe, and the interviewer burbled something about her claims coming "from the horse's mouth". Aitken looked at Beckett. And laughed. Such a nice man. Safeway is sponsoring a crèche at Brighton, presumably because the younger ones of the new intake can get a bit frazzled near bedtime, and one at the Tory Party conference. Cue Harry: "At least William Hague will have somewhere to go."

• NOW the Diana effect has joined the National Lottery and the soaring pound as catch-all excuses for profit warnings, clever management will have to look further afield. Might I suggest El Niño, the mysterious disturbance of the ocean currents that happens every dozen years or so and is being blamed for the Indonesian smog. The great thing about El Niño is: a) it is dimly understood; b) it



effects are impossible to predict; and c) they can be felt half a globe away. A mysterious fall in sales of women's garments might be the least of them.

### Tooting beckons

ANOTHER story reaches me from the Labour conference. The term "chicken run" was cleverly coined by the party in opposition to describe Tony Blair's bright young things that the majority in the next election is not going to be commanding, which means that most of those fresh faces that a few Tory giants will not be around



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# Day trip to tomorrow's market

Rodney Hobson on an express way to help small businesses to export

FOUR carriage-loads of business men and women, many seeking to export for the first time, will travel by Eurostar to trade shows in Paris next month.

The trip has been organised jointly by the Department of Trade and Industry and Lloyds Bank. If it is successful, it will be repeated to other European destinations.

The DTI approached Lloyds with the idea after working with the bank on several seminars on exporting and marketing for small businesses. The trip will include 100 Lloyds customers drawn from all over Britain and 100 businesses applying through Business Links.

Most of the places have already been snapped up for the one-day trip, from Waterloo station, London, on October 15, but there is still room for applicants. Tickets cost £99.

France was chosen partly because it is a leading export market, taking \$17 billion of British goods per year, and partly because five major annual trade shows will all be held at the same time.

Visitors on the trip will split between automotive, electronics, interior decorating, international

tourism and technology. Companies selling consumer goods will have the chance to visit stores.

On the way over the travellers will receive practical help and guidance from experts and get the chance to talk to businesses that trade successfully with France.

Among the Lloyds Bank customers making the crossing is a Liverpool company making up-market shower units that fire jets of water from all four corners of the cubicles. It already exports to America but is looking to break into the continental market.

Other companies have only begun to think about exporting. The DTI and Lloyds Bank have targeted small and medium-sized companies that believe barriers such as language will prevent them from selling abroad.

Anthony Lynch, the DTI's export promoter for France, says: "It's the UK's third-largest export market and there is a good deal of unexploited potential. Many companies that trade well in the UK are not sure how to sell their product or service abroad."

Michael Riding, managing director of Lloyds Bank Commercial



Anthony Lynch, left, and Michael Riding, will be taking business people to France on the Eurostar

Service, says: "Discovering new markets is a major barrier for many companies, yet only 50 per cent of UK businesses export. We are trying to get people at an early stage across a wide range of

businesses. When you have got a whole group like that together they will encourage each other and provide mutual support."

He added: "If you are thinking of selling overseas for the first time it

helps to be part of a business party."

Brochures and booking forms for the "Starburst Express" are available from the DTI's French Desk on 0171-215 4903.

## Record numbers expected at franchise show

By RODNEY HOBSON

THIS year's National Franchise Exhibition, opening at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on Friday, will be the biggest yet.

More than 200 exhibitors have booked stands, beating last year's record of just under 200, when 12,000 visitors were attracted to the three-day event. A series of free seminars will run alongside the exhibition. Sir Bernard Ingham, the chief press secretary of Margaret Thatcher when she was Prime Minister and now president of the British Franchise Association, will open the event. The association is sponsoring the show, which is organised by Miller Freeman.

Investments start at £3,000 but can be much higher for well-established names and for those that involve buying property.

Burger King, the fast food chain

owned by Grand Metropolitan, will be exhibiting at the annual event for the first time. About 30 per cent of its 430 UK restaurants are franchised. Franchises cost a one-off fee of about £26,000 plus a 5 per cent royalty on all sales. The average cost of premises is £450,000 and the franchisee is

expected to put up 35 per cent of the total cost.

The rival burger chain, McDonald's will be back, alongside Wimpy and Domino's Pizza.

Other well-known franchise systems that will be exhibiting include Printaprint, Red Star, Chemical Express, Signs Express

and Dyno-Rod. They will be joined by the high street banks.

Newcomers to the NEC include Häagen-Dazs Cafés, the ice-cream chain, and Bang & Olufsen, the international hi-fi specialist.

Hammicks Bookshops, which has 25 high street branches and three legal bookshops, is using the

exhibition to launch the first stage of an expansion programme.

Hammicks decided this month to turn to franchising as part of its strategy to meet the competition that is threatening traditional bookshops since the ending of the Net Book Agreement.

Potential franchisees will take a two-month training programme to learn about buying, merchandising, promotions, seasonal trends, staff recruitment and shop management. A total investment of about £165,000, including a personal input of £60,000, will be required.

□ CIL, the organiser of the exhibition, is running a franchise exhibition in Dublin on November 7 and 8. Next year's events include shows at Manchester in February, London in April and Glasgow in June.

## Questions and notepad essential

THE organisers of the franchise exhibition have issued a set of guidelines for visitors who are considering becoming franchisees.

Before you arrive:

- Be sure how much you can afford to invest.
- Make a list of the franchisers you want to meet.
- Make a list of the questions you

want to ask and bring a notepad so you can write down information.

At the exhibition, take advantage of the free advice on offer and talk to as many companies as you can. Check out the competition in the industry that you are interested in.

Take time to consider franchises carefully and ask to speak to existing franchisees.

Do not expect exhibitors to give you an instant answer to whether you are suitable for a franchise. Likewise, the franchiser should not pressure you to make a commitment or ask for money.

Do not sign anything until you have sought expert legal advice.

## YOUR OWN BUSINESS 33

### Upbeat project to help retailers

BY BRIAN COLLETT

SMALL retailers in North London are to be helped by European money in their fight to regain trade lost to large shopping complexes.

Profits in many high streets have been cut by the booming complexes, and North London has suffered particularly badly since Brent Cross was built on its doorstep and Lakeside was established 30 minutes' drive away in Thurrock, Essex.

The European Commission has pumped more than £600,000 into a two-year initiative called Upbeat — the Urban Partnership in Barnet and Enfield to Adapt Town Centres — under its Adapt scheme, aimed at helping employers and employees to meet change and to improve traders' competitiveness.

Upbeat is budgeted at £1.45 million and led by the North London Chamber of Commerce, will start on January 1, targeting 11 shopping centres in Barnet and four in Enfield.

The project will give training in business planning, marketing, customer service and new technology.

Centres offering advice and guidance for small businesses are planned for the selected areas.

Peter Starling, manager of the

Upbeat project, said: "Perhaps the smaller retailers have lost out on training, but they have got to go prepared into the 21st century."

The training could cover anything from better presentation to improving telephone techniques. Retailers may be encouraged to stay open later to compete with the big centres.

Another reason for helping the high streets is that people may soon be deterred from travelling by traffic jams and will return to their local shops.

One condition of the Adapt funding is that partners are found in other European Union countries. The Upbeat organisers will exchange information with towns facing similar problems in France, Italy and Greece.

Upbeat's contributors include Barnet and Enfield councils, Barnet College, Boots, ICL and the North London Training and Enterprise Council.

In Barnet the council has given Upbeat a head-start with a separate £1 million scheme to improve shopping centres.

Another Adapt beneficiary is neighbouring Haringey, where the council has been granted £225,000 for the revival of Wood Green shopping centre.

### BRIEFINGS

Christopher Jones, 20, was named Britain's most enterprising student for devising an ink management policy for Clear View Ltd, a small firm of flexible packing suppliers in Hornsey, North London, during an eight-week project assignment in the summer vacation.

Mr Jones, of Wood Green, who is studying astrophysics at University College London, was one of 1,539 students taking part in the Shell Technology Enterprise Programme — the largest so far. He won his £1,000 prize for assessing unlabelled stock, cataloguing surplus supplies and looking at ways to re-use them. This has saved the firm money and space, and created a full-time job for a chemist.

□ League tables showing the payment records of large companies are to be compiled by the Federation of Small Businesses and Dun & Bradstreet, the business information company. The first table is due in the middle of next year.

□ Midland Bank has appointed South Asian banking managers at branches in the City, Harrow, Southall, Birmingham, Leicester and Manchester. Further teams will be appointed at other branches — including East London, Coventry, Bradford and Glasgow — early next year.



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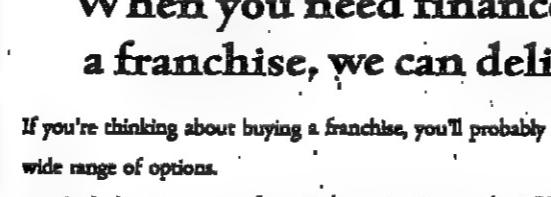
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# Safety is a driving issue

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**A**nyone who saw the remains of the car in which Diana, Princess of Wales, Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul, died will have had their own thoughts. As time passes, some may reflect upon the safety of their Mercedes and the fact that it provided sufficient protection to save any of the passengers' lives in a crash at that speed. The bodyguard survived not only from the construction of the car, but also the seatbelt and airbag.

For many, this is the level of safety and protection that they have come to expect. For the legal profession the more pertinent question is the extent to which car manufacturers may face increasing pressure to produce vehicles that meet these expectations.

Most people have read about the various tests that manufacturers undertake when developing vehicles. Everyone has seen the shots of the test dummies in slow motion. We have "faith" in the manufacturers and for them this is the dilemma. How safe can they make cars? How safe is "safe"?

The difficulty for car manufacturers lies in the culture that they play only a part in developing. All cars could be made "safer". A limitation on top speed or the replacement of the steering wheel with a "joystick" control set off to the side would both greatly reduce the number of accidents each year. These injuries caused by the driver's collision with the steering wheel is still a major cause of injury.

The problem lies in the public's acceptance of these ideas and the according benefit to the industry. The manufacturers are faced with a dilemma. They have to compromise and balance the consumers' demands, including the call for lower prices, with the need to develop safer vehicles. Additional safety costs money. Even accepted safety features, including side impact protection and airbags, increase costs without necessarily increasing sales.

The problem facing the manufacturers rests with the fact that the question of safety



The Mercedes in which Diana, Princess of Wales, died, calls into question the safety of the majority of vehicles

is not judged against an objective, fixed or technical standard. It involves a moveable feast. The views of the consumer form the standard of safety applied by the courts and therefore change with the times.

There is evidence that they take safety seriously; although not to do so, of course, could give rise to claims. In May 1992, product liability cases included: 864 new Porsche cars for a potential "cruise control" problem (US); 12,000 Golf and Vento models because of faulty electrical cables by Volkswagen (US); and 17,000 Citroën BX owners asked to take cars in for free brake checks (UK).

Quite apart from any contractual liability manufacturers face claims by consumers under the Consumer Protection Act 1987 which implemented the 1985 Product Liability Directive

(85/374/EEC). Liability under the Consumer Protection Act is identified in Article 1. *"The producer shall be liable for damage caused by a defect in its product."*

It was by virtue of the introduction of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 that the concept of a strict liability was introduced in relation to consumers' claims. The Act identifies a product as defective if it "does not provide the safety which a person is entitled to expect, having regard to all the circumstances, including the presentation of the product". This involves the introduction of an objective standard which is entirely dependent upon the public understanding of safety. The "presentation" includes the manufacturers' advertising.

For the above reasons motor manufacturers face the possibility of being judged against a public standard of safety which they have largely formed through the media.

The introduction of the "Kill Speed" campaign illustrates a further problem. The public's belief in the cocooned safety of modern vehicles has led to a feeling that a crash at 60, 70 or even 120 miles per hour is a survivable event as long as seatbelts and airbags are in place. They are wrong.

It is therefore essential that manufacturers take stock, step back from the glossy campaigns and keep safety in perspective. If they do not, they have to take their share of the blame as more drivers exceed the speed limit with greater regularity and risk-facing claims on the basis that vehicles are not as safe as the public are "entitled to expect".

Likewise, the Government should continue to be at the vanguard of safety developments. We should learn from the benefits that were obtained from the "compulsory" introduction of seatbelts.

It is of course important that consumers understand that while manufacturers appreciate the virtues of various innovative safety elements in the construction of their vehicles, most accidents are caused by the driver and not by the vehicle. Unrealistic expectations diminish the drivers' awareness of their responsibility in respect of driving the vehicle safely. In the long term the public's expectations in relation to vehicle safety will almost certainly exceed the efforts made by the manufacturers themselves.

It may be worth noting the need to temper advertising in relation to vehicle safety against the very real fact that in the end a vehicle is only as safe as the person who is behind the wheel.

The author is a partner in Kennedy, the City law firm.

## Fat cat attack

THE Bar may think twice about inviting a politician as their speaker next year. Home Office assurances that Jack Straw's speech was a "vision of criminal justice in the 21st century" gave no hint as to his attack on "fat cat" legal aid lawyers. Robert Owen, QC, the Bar Chairman, first heard of the comments on morning news bulletins. Of course, the onslaught eclipsed Mr Owen's own warning to the Government not to proceed with expanding "no win no fee" work without more research. He effectively accused Geoff Hoon, junior Minister at the Lord Chancellor's Department, of citing a report on the scheme selectively and overlooking problems raised.

## Vice position

HEATHER HALLETT, QC, is poised to become Bar Chairman at the end of the year. But who will succeed her as vice-chairman? Nominations close this week but names in the ring include an unprecedented number of silks. Two commercial QCs, Julian Malins and Jonathan Hirst, are in the running, as is one of the country's top personal injury barristers, Daniel Brennan, and the criminal practitioner and Western Circuit leader Nigel Pascoe, who chairs the Bar's

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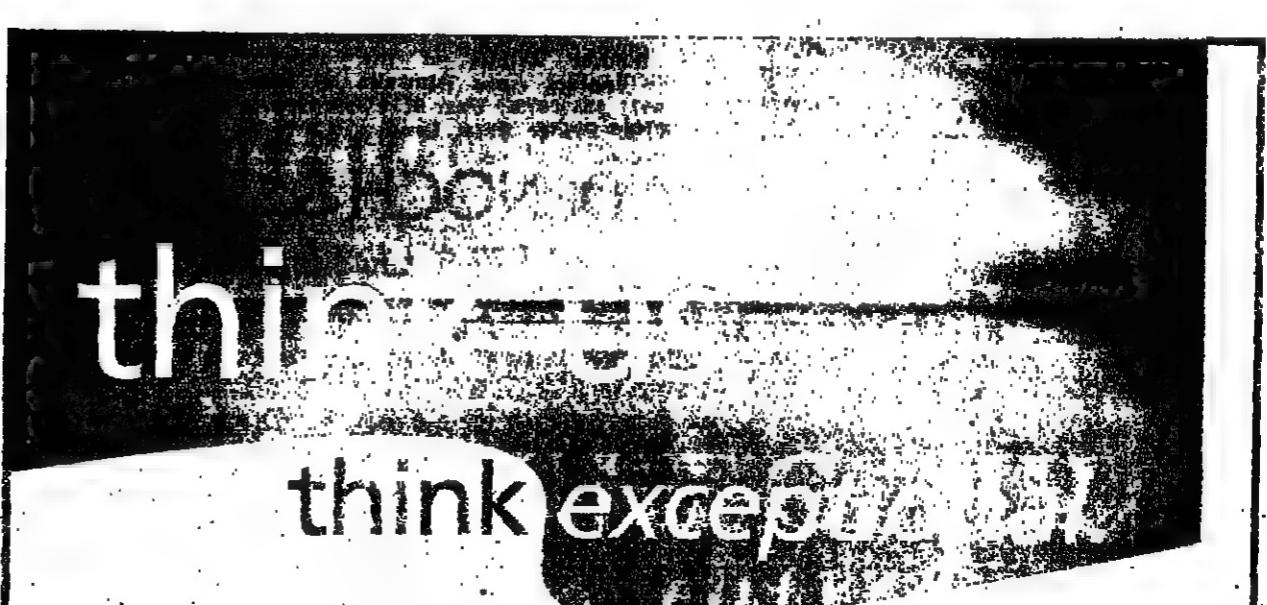
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## The problem with the thin grey line

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has announced plans to speed up the criminal justice system. Our adversarial system is roundly criticised for failing to deliver guilty people to justice. As an example of this, an editorial in *Police Review* supported a reduction in the disclosure to the defence of material obtained during the police investigation. It claimed that defence lawyers used such material to concoct defences, bamboozle juries and discredit police officers.

It is not surprising that sections of the public believe that our criminal justice system is characterised by defendants who, encouraged by their lawyers and at great expense to the taxpayer, protest their innocence at jury trials, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. A police officer writing in *Police Review* once likened the prosecution to medieval knights, fighting it out until the bitter end.

The facts show that this picture of the criminal justice system is far from the truth. The system is built upon agreement rather than resistance. Most suspects do not ask for legal representation in the police station. Instead of maintaining their innocence, the vast majority of defendants plead guilty. Most of the trials which take place are decided by magistrates, not jurors. Defence solicitors are in the main paid a standard fee, which penalises them for spinning out a case unnecessarily.

For every nine cases which are completed in the magistrates' court, only one is sent to the Crown Court. Out of a group of ten magistrates' court defendants, eight will plead guilty, one will be convicted in his or her absence and only one will take part in a trial. Only one in four of those who are tried will be acquitted: a mere 2 per cent of the total caseload. Only 1 per cent of the one million cases which are decided by magistrates each year go on to an appeal.

In the Crown Court, the position is much the same. A similarly high proportion of defendants plead guilty. Of those who do not, 60 per cent are convicted, at a trial which is unlikely to last more than one day.

The Government has just announced that it will accept most of the recommendations of the Review of the Delay in the Criminal Justice System (the Narey Report) to speed up justice. These include dealing with "straightforward guilty plea cases" the day after charge (rather than bailing the defendant to appear in court some weeks later) and allowing non-lawyers employed by the CPS to review "super abbreviated" files prepared



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by the police, decide whether a prosecution should be brought and present uncontested cases in the magistrates' court. These prosecutors will be based permanently in police stations, putting their independence to the test. As many as two thirds of magistrates' court cases could be completed in this way.

Courts are already required to consider rewarding an early guilty plea with a reduced sentence. From tomorrow, the Government will implement a new mode of trial provisions, under which defendants will be asked to indicate whether they are guilty or not before a decision is made about whether the case should be sent to the Crown Court.

Moves to speed up criminal cases should be supported. But our criminal justice system relies heavily upon the compliance of those whom it accuses. With an unashamedly partisan police service, these changes make it even more important that visible safeguards exist to ensure that innocent defendants are not pressured into pleading guilty because they mistakenly believe that this is the best or the only course to take.

Defendants need to be advised whether they are guilty in law, whether there is adequate evidence against them, and how they can defend themselves. Defence solicitors, who currently give this advice, are the thin grey line who stand between the innocent defendant and a mistaken plea of guilty.

The importance of the solicitor's role is not matched by the information on which the solicitor is expected to base his or her advice. In the police station the investigator will disclose as little of the police case as possible. At court, the solicitor will only be given a "short descriptive note" of the interview with the defendant and the few witness statements which will be in the "super abbreviated file". In a consultation paper published last year, the Labour Party proposed the withdrawal of publicly funded legal representation from youth courts "where the defendant admitted the charge or there was no serious dispute over the facts surrounding an offence". They now promise fundamental changes for youth courts and the entire criminal justice process is under almost continuous review. Dangerous talk that defence lawyers obstruct justice, combined with a wish to speed cases up, must not mislead the Government into thinking that it can dispense with this thin grey line in uncontested cases and still have any sort of justice system.

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# The challenge is to provide justice for all in Britain

Could better education about the law help individuals to solve their own problems? Roger Smith reports

**T**he Lord Chancellor will shortly make a series of key decisions that will transform the £1.5 billion legal aid scheme. To keep within inherited spending estimates, expenditure must be wrestled to a halt. This can be done only by radical change to the present demand-led budget. In doing this, heed must also be paid to less visible political imperatives: the improvement and reshaping of services.

Lord Irvine of Laird does not want for advice. He inherits the previous administrator's blueprint for reform, released as a White Paper last summer. In the fashion of his Government, the Lord Chancellor has also commissioned his own review. To do this, he chose Sir Peter Middleton, chairman of Barclays Bank and former Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, thereby giving a pretty clear message.

Mechanisms will doubtless be found for controlling the budget. Less evident is acceptance of the need radically to improve services. Civil legal aid is a mess at almost every level. Eligibility is so low that solicitors have to tell significant numbers of victims of domestic violence that they have no effective legal remedy. Contributions can be draconian. A person in receipt of family credit may be required to pay most of it to the Legal Aid Board. Families face coroners' inquests without legal representation. People appear in a range of tribunals without help, even in the most difficult cases.

Remedying these problems requires the reduction of the unit price of existing cases if there is to be no new money. Only this will release the cash for the necessary improvements. Lord Irvine has bravely turned on his own and led public debate of QC's fees.

A simple reduction of 10 per cent in the annual receipts from legal aid of the top 13 leading counsel nets around £4 million a year alone. More broadly, the earnings of the Bar need to be examined. Legal aid provides about 30 per cent of its total turnover. Barristers achieve levels of income significantly higher than those of solicitors at comparable levels of seniority.

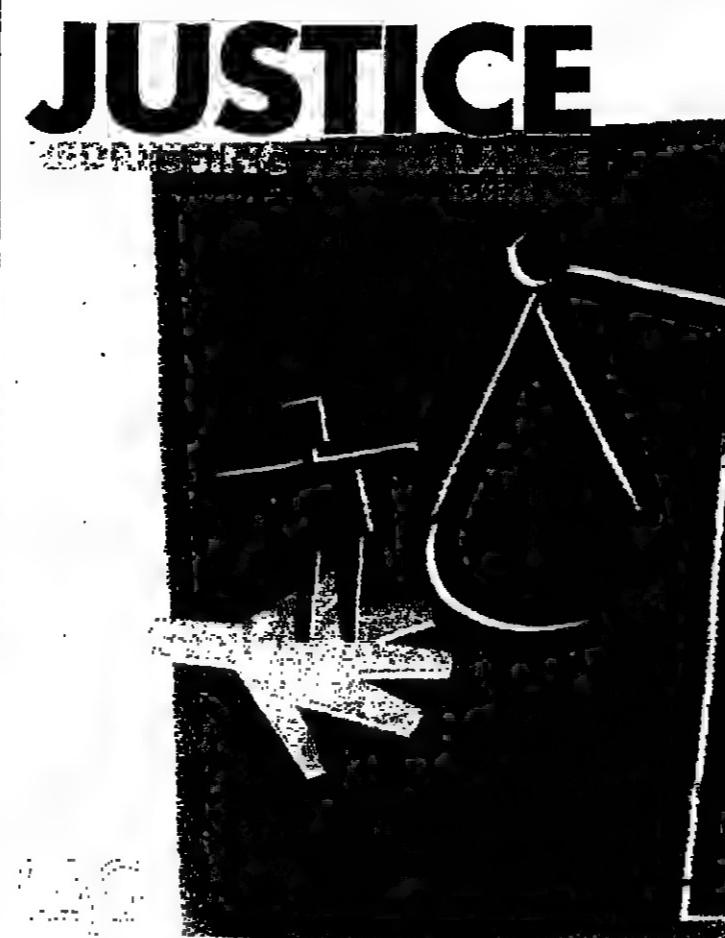
Solicitors cannot escape a squeeze

on their incomes. The Legal Aid Board originally developed its idea of "franchising" as a contract with preferred suppliers. They were to be larger, specialist providers, the quantity and quality of whose work could be assured. Legal aid is still largely in the age of the corner shop: the savings of the supermarket should await. Within the legal aid budget, there are areas where specific savings might be made, for example, in some kinds of Children Act litigation.

As a result, it should be possible to create a significant fund to commission improvement even if a cap is imposed simultaneously. This might allow a much-needed extension of eligibility and scope.

We need, however, to consider some new services. For example, we can no longer run our courts on the basis that everyone will have lawyers, either privately or publicly funded. Litigants in person are, realistically, here to stay. We need to adapt. The Civil Justice Review in the late 1980s and Lord Woolf last year both recommended duty advice provision to be established in all major courts. New technology, in the shape of such things as interactive video kiosks, offers the opportunity for helping uncertain litigants through court procedures.

Recognition that people will have to resolve many of their own problems leads to even more fundamental examination of policy. People could do more about solving their own problems with proper education and information about the law. We should be funding expansion of advice ser-



The author suggests ways to provide better access to the law

vices through such initiatives as toll-free telephone numbers where anyone can ring for initial advice and referral. In the United States, increasing use is being made of the Internet and

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At its 1995 conference, Labour adopted by acclamation a paper entitled *Access to Justice*. That argued for the transformation of legal aid into a community legal service. The Legal Action Group adds its advice to the Lord Chancellor on how that document's ideas might be put into practice along the lines above. Debate about the way forward is urgently required. The conclusions of Sir Peter Middleton's report will soon be revealed. More crucially, Lord Irvine's first decisions will be with us for Christmas.

• *Justice: Redressing the Balance* by Roger Smith is published by the Legal Action Group, 242 Pentonville Road, London N1 9UN (12.45 incl p&p).

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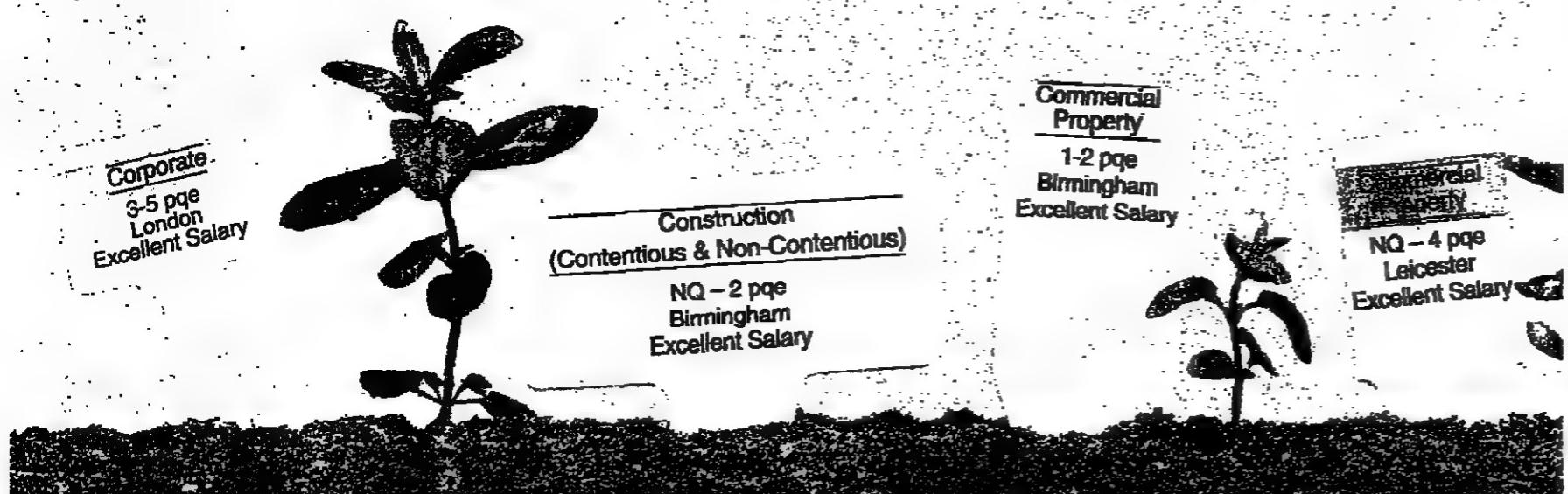
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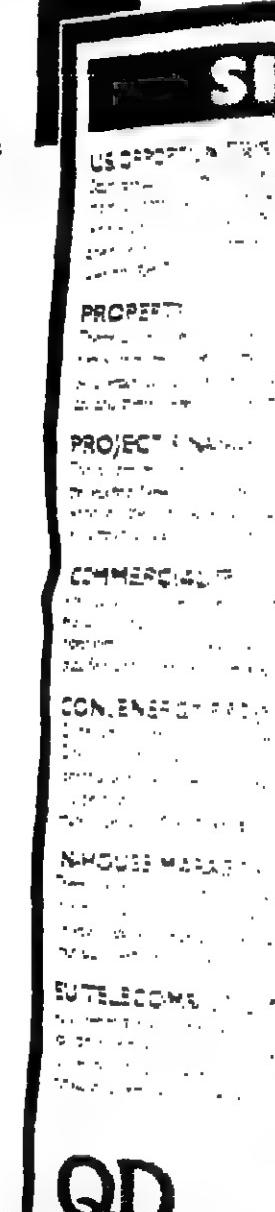
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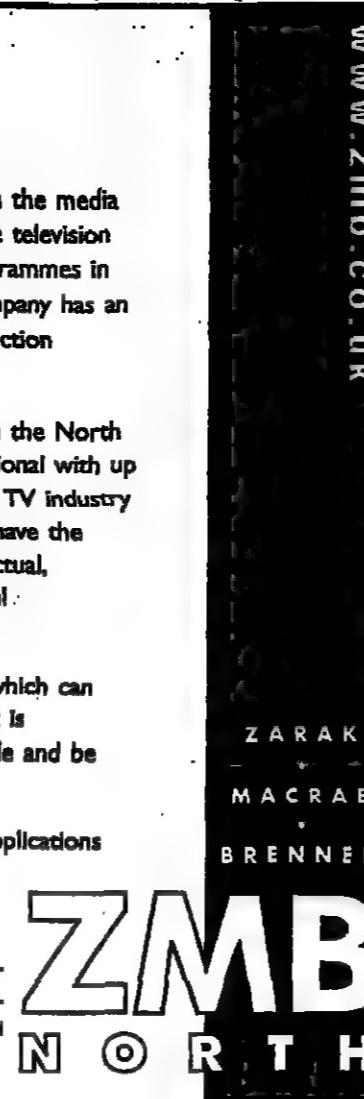
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## AMERICAN FOOTBALL

# Tampa Bay buck the trend with flying start

By OLIVER HOLT

AT FIRST, it was all something of a novelty. Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the team that Jimmy Johnson turned down before he became coach of Miami Dolphins, the team that none of the enthusiasts had marked down even for a berth in the play-offs, won their opening brace of games and most people thought that that would be their 15 minutes of fame for the season.

Now, though, they have done what only Denver Broncos among the rest of the National Football League (NFL) teams have done and won their first five games. Suddenly, people are talking about them in terms of championship games, even the Super Bowl, and the Buccaneers are getting blast about it all.

After their 19-18 win over Arizona Cardinals on Sunday had propelled them to a scarcely credible 5-0 record, their coach, Tony Dungy, seemed distinctly unimpressed. "A win is a win," he said. "It wasn't pretty. In fact, it was ugly. But we'll take it. It's a sign of maturity when you play poorly and still win."

The win meant that the Buccaneers matched the best start in the history of the Tampa Bay franchise. The last time that they won their first five games, in 1979, they made it to the National Football

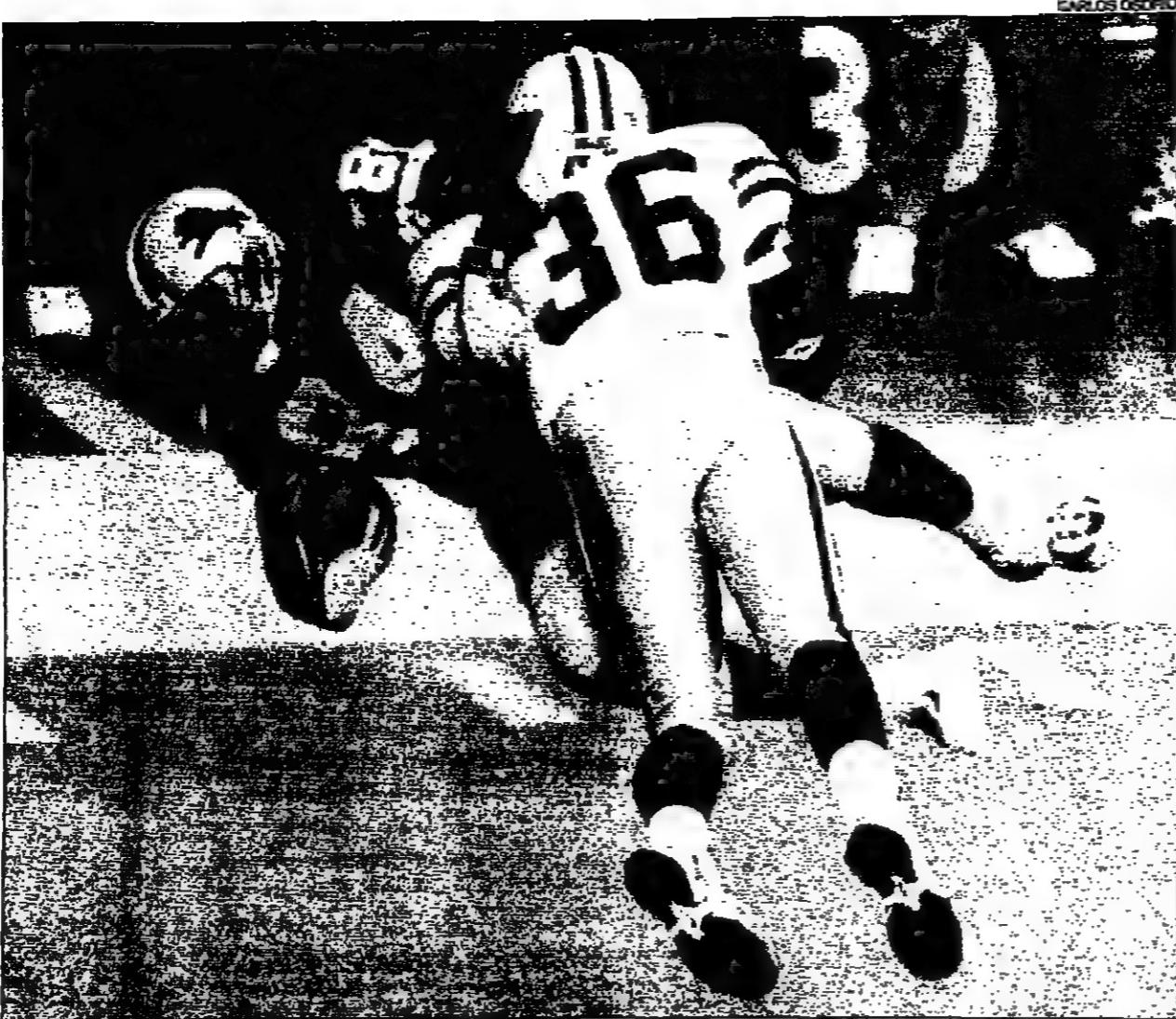
Conference championship game, their only appearance in that stage of the play-offs.

The Buccaneers were trailing 18-12 late in the game on Sunday, but took the lead when Trent Dilfer, a quarterback who is rebuilding his own reputation amid Tampa Bay's improbable run of success, rescued a poor performance with a late touchdown pass.

New England Patriots, one of the other two teams still with a 100 per cent record, did not play on Sunday, but the Broncos maintained their perfect start when they beat the woeful Atlanta Falcons, 29-21, at the Georgia Dome.

The victory was presented as a personal triumph for the Broncos' veteran quarterback, John Elway, in his meeting with Dan Reeves, the former Broncos coach, with whom he had so many bitter disagreements on the way to three Super Bowls. All were lost and Reeves is now in charge of the Falcons.

Elway threw three touchdown passes and was intercepted once in a match that left the Falcons still searching for their first win and moved Denver to within one victory of the best start in their history. They are averaging 31 points a game and have established themselves as early favourites for the Super Bowl.



Herman Moore, the Lions wide receiver, is blocked by LeRoy Butler, of the Packers, during Detroit's victory

"Yes, I wanted to win against Dan," Elway, who moved into fifth place in the NFL's all-time touchdown pass list, said after the game. "I was aware of that talk all week but what motivated me most was keeping us undefeated and in first place."

The Broncos have torn away the honour of being Super Bowl favourites from Green Bay Packers, the champions, who slipped to their second defeat in five games when they lost 26-15 in Detroit. Still invincible at Lambeau Field, they are showing a surprising vulnerability when they go on the road and were undone by a fine performance from Barry

Sanders, the Lions running back. The game hinged on one bad play from Brett Favre, the Packers' quarterback. Favre tripped as he dropped back to pass in the second quarter and threw while on his knees, but Reggie Brown, the Lions linebacker, intercepted his pass and returned it for a touch-down.

In Dallas, the team America loves and loves to hate, was even boozed by its own fans for a lacklustre performance before they turned on the style and crushed Chicago Bears 27-3. Michael Irvin caught six passes and Deion Sanders, fresh from baseball duty, returned a punt for 83 yards.

**NFL DETAILS**

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Denver	L	W	PA
Kansas City	1	0	158
Oakland	1	0	129
San Diego	1	0	141
Seattle	1	0	123
Total	3	1	107

**National Conference**

**Eastern division**

Eastern division			
Dallas	L	W	PA
Washington	1	0	149
NY Giants	1	0	103
Arizona	1	0	135
Philadelphia	1	0	124
Total	3	1	94

**American Conference**

**Central division**

Central division			
Baltimore	L	W	PA
Cincinnati	1	0	127
Carolina	1	0	102
Los Angeles	1	0	122
New Orleans	1	0	121
Atlanta	1	0	136
Total	5	1	88

**Western division**

**Central division**

Central division			
Jacksonville	L	W	PA
Baltimore	1	0	110
Pittsburgh	1	0	109
Minnesota	1	0	116
Chicago	1	0	122
San Francisco	1	0	115
Carolina	1	0	122
Los Angeles	1	0	121
Atlanta	1	0	136
Total	5	1	116

## New Zealand fall just short

NEW Zealand narrowly failed to snatch victory after accepting a tempting challenge set by Zimbabwe as the second and final Test ended in a draw in Bulawayo yesterday.

Needless to say, Zimbabwe had declared their second innings at 227 for eight. New Zealand were 202 for three with 15 overs left but collapsed to 275 for eight at the close. The first Test was also drawn.

### IN BRIEF

**Motor racing** Jacques Villeneuve and Heinz-Harald Frentzen will drive for Williams again in 1998. Frank Williams, the team owner, confirmed yesterday.

**Table tennis** The 1998 English Open, due to be staged in Kettering in January, has been cancelled because of the unavailability of world-class

players. The International Table Tennis Federation decided that the players would need a longer rest after the 1997 World Professional Tour ends on December 22.

**Canoeing** The Great Britain team of Paul Radcliffe, Shaun Pearce and Ian Rasplin won the gold medal in the men's kayak in the world canoe slalom championships in Brazil, beating France by more than a second.

While there may be some surprise, even resentment, there is no disputing the impeccable

credentials of Spice, 31. In 1993, he joined Richard Charlesworth as assistant coach to the Australian women's team and steered them to gold medals in three successive Champions Trophies, the 1994 World Cup title and the gold medal at the Atlanta Olympic Games.

"What we've achieved with Australia is an uncompromising attitude and I hope to instil a more attacking and aggressive philosophy into the English game," Spice said.

"I don't underestimate the challenge. What I really want to achieve is a ferocious desire to do better. You have to be passionate about continual improvement and players must learn to become analytical about themselves."

**HOCKEY**

## Spice offers flavour of future

THE English Hockey Association is poised to make its first significant appointment with the announcement that the Australian, Chris Spice, is to become its performance director in November (Cathy Harris writes).

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### SNOOKER

## Hendry keen to show Doherty who is No 1

TWO distinct eras in the game's history are linked today with the start of the Regal Masters, in Motherwell, coinciding with the fiftieth anniversary of Walter Donaldson becoming the first Scottish winner of the world championship (Phil Yates writes).

Much has changed since Donaldson defeated Fred Davis 62-63 over a fortnight in the first match played at Leicester Square Hall, London. Donaldson, a dour character on and off the table, won the championship again in 1950, but eventually became so disillusioned with the game that he smashed the slate of his practice table to pave a garden path.

Donaldson died in 1973, a decade before the explosion in snooker's popularity that led to the formation of the present tournament circuit. A total of £5 million is on offer during the coming season, of which

### BASEBALL

## Failed record bid goes down to McGwire

MARK McGWIRE, of St Louis Cardinals, fell just short of one of baseball's most revered records as the Major League season moved into its decisive phase this week (Keith Blackmore writes). By hammering three home runs in the final two regular-season games at the weekend, McGwire took his total to 58, three short of the single-season record set by Roger Maris, of New York Yankees, in 1961. Before Maris, the record was held by the legendary Babe Ruth.

McGwire struck 34 homers for Oakland A's in the American League before a mid-season trade to the Cardinals in the National League, which brought him 24 more in just 51 games. His total, the highest since 1961, also won his season-long race with Ken Griffey Jr, who finished the season with 56 home runs for Seattle Mariners against the World Series champions, the Yankees.

his exploits did not help the Cardinals into the play-offs. The Cardinals finished fourth in the National League Central division, a dozen games behind Houston Astros, who open their play-off series against Atlanta Braves tonight.

The Braves, who won 101 games on their way to an unprecedented sixth consecutive divisional championship, are heavy favourites to beat Houston in their best-of-five series and would then meet either Florida Marlins or San Francisco Giants. Baltimore Orioles, who face the Mariners in a play-off that begins tomorrow, will start favourites to win the American League pennant, having won 98 games on their way to their first divisional championship since 1983. The other play-off will pit Cleveland Indians against the World Series champions, the Yankees.

**BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT**

The London Trophy is a competition for 'non-bridge' clubs. Today's hand is from the 1997 finals, which were sponsored by Hilton Hotels. It concerns a common bidding problem, playing a No-Trump contract the right way round. With a holding of Qx opposite Ax it is important for the player holding Qx to be the declarer - that way, if the opening lead in that suit runs round to him, he is guaranteed two tricks in the suit.

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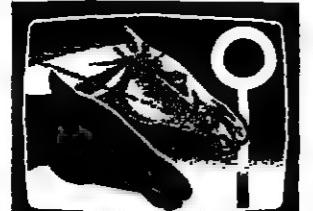
RACING: CAPE VERDI AMONG QUARTET TO RACE UNDER GODOLPHIN'S BANNER NEXT SEASON

# Maktooms buy Sangster juveniles

BY RICHARD EVANS AND  
CHRIS MCGRATH

THE Tattersalls Houghton Sales, Europe's principal yearling auction, gets underway after racing at Newmarket today — but the week's most important bloodstock transaction has already been concluded. Robert Sangster, whose racing empire has long been sustained by unsentimental business acumen, has sold four of the best two-year-olds to the Maktoom brothers.

One of them, Cape Verdi, could well produce an instant return when carrying the col-

TODAY'S RACES  
ON TELEVISION

ours of Maktoom al-Maktoum in today's Shadwell Stud Cheveley Park Stakes.

Sangster has also sold two other fillies, Woodland Melody and Dance Trick, and an authentic Derby prospect in City Honours. All four will join the Godolphin team in Dubai this winter and be trained by Saeed bin Suroor on their return next spring.

It would once have appeared remarkable that Sangster should sell his most exciting young horses to the Maktooms, who usurped his dominion of the bloodstock market during the early Eight-



Cape Verdi, recently purchased by the Maktooms, is favourite for today's Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket

ies. But they have done mutually rewarding business before, as when Sangster sold Balanchine at a similar stage of her career. She went on to become a first champion for Godolphin, when Sheikh Mohammed's Dubai experiment was in its pioneering stages.

The value of this deal is undisclosed, but Sangster's readiness to sell if the price was right was also evinced when he sold Dr Devious, who went on to win the 1992 Derby. At least that colt remained with Peter Chapple-Hyam, Sangster's trainer at Manton.

His impending loss is rotten luck for Chapple-Hyam, who must sometimes fear that he used up too much luck too quickly. His first visit to the roulette table of training saw his number come up successively in Rodrigo De Triano and Dr Devious — but he has

since been repeatedly forced back to the counter for more chips. It will be with mixed emotions, no doubt, that he greets the success expected of Cape Verdi today.

Her narrow defeat of Embassy in the Lowther Stakes left her superiority

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Labels	£1.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Postponed	14/4	10/1	11/2	12/1
Scotsbury Wind	14/4	10/1	10/1	10/1
Al Azhar	16/1	10/1	10/1	10/1
Gulf Stream	10/1	10/1	25/1	25/1
Heeremandi	10/1	10/1	10/1	10/1
Scandinavian Glitterbox	16/1	20/1	20/1	20/1
Another Time	10/1	10/1	10/1	10/1
Consort	20/1	12/5	12/5	12/5
Polo Island	10/1	10/1	10/1	10/1
Houston's Dream	25/1	10/1	25/1	25/1
Princess Of Sicilia	20/1	10/1	25/1	25/1

### RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

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# Celtic seeking to capitalise on Liverpool's frailty

By KEVIN McCARRA

LIVERPOOL with their stock of exquisitely skilled footballers, resemble a jeweller's shop, and, like all such establishments, live in fear of the ram-raiders. For too many years now, trophies have eluded them as assaults by coarse teams of lesser abilities have proved effective. So it is that the return leg of their UEFA Cup first-round tie with Celtic tonight has the potential to prove disquieting.

Liverpool have the comfort of their 2-2 draw in Glasgow and, in essence, need only to be competent at Anfield. Complacency is impossible, though, for a club that has frequently been ambushed by adversity. Two years ago, for instance, Liverpool were beaten 1-0 at home by Brondby in the UEFA Cup after having seemingly made the tie safe with a goalless draw in Denmark.

On their own ground, they cannot afford to let the match with Celtic drift towards the hazardous. "Our approach will not change," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said. "It would be a ridiculous tactic to play for a draw." His team, in any case, is hardly built for caution and the 2-1 defeat at West Ham United on Saturday demonstrated its peculiar fallibility.

What does it profit a club to score a magnificent goal, such as that delivered by Robbie Fowler, if its defence is disconcerted by the most rudimentary cross? Evans's arrangements at centre back will continue to provoke doubt since Mark Wright is still injured and unavailable. The manager must find it more soothing to let his mind rest on the attack.

Fowler has scored in his past two matches after his return from injury. "It's great to get back our top scorer for the past three seasons," Evans said. Stimulating, too, to watch him work in tandem with another prodigy, Michael Owen. The two forwards, who both call for the ball to be played to their feet, embody the close-passing traditions of the club.

Karlheinz Riedle allows a change of style should Liverpool's pattern of play drift into a mere stereotype. Celtic, however, have not been broadening over their adversaries. Instead, they look with anxiety upon themselves. With Marc Reiper ineligible and Tommy Boyd suspended, they were always bound to field a makeshift defence at Anfield.

The air of improvisation now threatens to spread. Yesterday, training was restricted to an evening session at Anfield as Wim Jansen, the head coach, trusted that rest might restore Stephane Mahe, Phil O'Donnell, Andreas Thom, Craig Burley, Morten Wieghorst and Henrik Larsson.

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Gascoigne, training in Glasgow yesterday, has yet to make his mark this season

## Francis in fear of history lesson

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

IT IS three years since Ossie Ardiles suffered a Coca-Cola Cup debacle. Gerry Francis takes his Tottenham Hotspur side to Carlisle United, of the Nationwide League second division, tonight, praying that he does not suffer the same fate.

Ardiles lost his job as manager when Tottenham were eliminated from the competition after losing 3-0 at Notts County, with the likes of Jürgen Klinsmann, Teddy Sheringham, Nick Barmby, Ilio Dumitrescu and Darren Anderton unable to cope with a team that was then anchored at the bottom of the first division.

Tottenham hold a 3-2 first-leg lead. Francis said: "There is so much flare in our side. The supporters are frustrated when we don't get a result, but they've got to realise that we are just as frustrated as they are. In fact, this is the most attacking line-up I have fielded but we have drawn our last three games when we have needed to win them."

Francis was on a scouting mission in Portugal when Carlisle came close to embarrassing Tottenham in the first leg. Lee Ferdinand and Chris Armstrong were also missing, although they played together for the first time in the draw

## Little plots to avoid repeat performance

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

ASTON VILLA'S recent record in the UEFA Cup is blighted by a recurring theme — defeat on away goals. It happened against Trabzonspor, of Turkey, in the 1994-95 season and against Helsingborgs IF, of Sweden, last season. It could happen again against Bordeaux at Villa Park tonight.

The thought of history repeating itself preys on the mind of Brian Little, the Villa manager, whose overcautious approach was partly responsible for Villa's downfall in the second division. Duane Darby's goal gave Hull victory at Bootham Crescent and Steve Coppel, the Palace manager, admitted: "Hull were very unlucky because these matches should be one-offs and they deserved to go through."

Antillo Lombardo missed the first game through injury and is doubtful again. Elsewhere, Premiership teams hold all the aces, especially Blackburn Rovers, who travel to Preston North End 6-0 up from the first leg. Barnsley entertain Chesterfield 2-1 ahead. Bolton Wanderers welcome Leyton Orient with a 3-1 lead. Leeds United go to Bristol City 3-1 up and Southampton travel to Brentford, also with a 3-1 advantage.

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## FOOTBALL

# Salonika no threat to Wenger's authority

By MATT DICKINSON

IT IS a measure of the success of Arsene Wenger's understated leadership that the shambolic and controversial manner of his arrival at Highbury precisely 12 months ago has been so easily forgotten.

Anger at the way in which Arsenal had lured Wenger behind the back of Bruce Rioch, his predecessor as manager, was compounded then by widespread scepticism at the club's recruitment of the unglamorous, unfamiliar and schoolmasterly figure. How short memories are, never less so than in football. Bruce who?

A first-round exit from the Uefa Cup at the hands of PAOK Salonika tonight, when Arsenal must overhaul a 1-0 deficit, would be an ignominious way of marking his first anniversary in charge at Highbury, but Wenger's precise, thoughtful and well-planned management will ensure that it would be seen only as a blip rather than a cause for introspection.

His success so far can be judged superficially by a glance at the FA Carling Premiership table, where his side peers down on Manchester United from the summit. Of infinitely longer-term significance, though, is the autonomy that the Frenchman has established in Highbury's

marble halls after Rioch's short reign. A board smarting from the scandal of the George Graham "bung" affair had vowed never again to let a manager control transfers, and Rioch could fairly argue that he was operating with at least one hand tied behind his back.

There can be no doubt, however, that it is Wenger pulling the strings, including the purse-strings, and he bluntly revealed yesterday that he had been prepared to resign had he found it any other way. "The basis of the job was to have freedom to run the club as I chose, to make the important decisions about what was happening, the buying and selling of players, contracts and even the training-ground set-up," he said.

"Without an assurance of that freedom and control I would not have stayed. It would have been difficult for me to accept anything less.

Maybe you are used to that in England, but in some foreign countries the manager can come back for pre-season and find the president has bought and sold players in the holidays without him knowing. I had no precise dreams or timetable to win things. I just wanted to show how well I could do and how I could cope with the job."

To that end, he faces a significant test tonight with the visit of PAOK, who took advantage of Arsenal's adventurous approach to score the only goal a fortnight ago, much to their own surprise. Wenger was without Dennis Bergkamp in Greece because of his fear of flying and Ian Wright looked lost without his favourite accomplice. The Dutchman has been in breathtaking form, and his return should be enough to swing the tie in the English club's favour.

She will present a draft proposal, detailing plans for merger with the England and

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McManaman and Fowler restored

# Hoddle spirits soaring after happy returns

BY OLIVER HOLT  
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GLENN HODDLE wrote the first lines of the final chapter of England's World Cup qualifying story at Lancaster Gate yesterday. He named his squad for the decisive group two game against Italy in Rome a week on Saturday, welcomed a quartet of the country's finest players back into the international fold and offered up a little prayer that those he had selected might stay free of injury in the week ahead.

For once the talk was purely of football. It was almost as though the importance of the occasion had precluded a recurrence of the distractions that habitually crowd in on these announcements. No wife-beating, no drink-driving, no referee-baiting. There was no need for any sideshows this time; Italy v England is big enough.

In other circumstances, the absence of Alan Shearer could seem like a festering sore, but the England coach was all optimism and bonhomie yesterday. He concentrated on the return of two of the other components of the spine of his team: Paul Ince, who was suspended for the last match against Moldova, and Tony Adams, who was injured.

He also included the Liverpool pair of Steve McManaman and Robbie Fowler, two forwards who could turn any match, after a brief exile from the squad. Some interpreted the exclusion of McManaman from the squad against Moldova as a punishment for not participating in England's summer matches in the Tournoi de France, even though he was having a knee operation at the time.

In the interim, McManaman has recovered from a slow start to the season and the damage done to his confidence by the collapse of his

back," Hoddle said. "They are two players who feel at home in the international scene. They have got that belief in themselves because they have played at the very top and it is a tremendous boost for everyone to have them in the squad."

"With Steve and Robbie we are also bringing back two players of great talent. Steve has done very well in that he has scored two magnificent goals. There is still some of his form to come back but leaving him out of the squad has made him reflect a little bit. An urgency has come back into his game."

"I wanted to see a positive response from Steve after he was left out of the Moldova squad and I have seen it. When he is playing at his best, he is up there amongst the very best. His break gave him a bit of time to reflect and what happened with Barcelona has probably made him stronger."

Fowler provides an alternative to the first-choice attacking partnership of Ian Wright and Teddy Sheringham, although it is hard to see why Hoddle has once more preferred an out-of-sorts Stan Collymore to an in-form Chris Sutton. McManaman will put pressure on Hoddle's midfield selections, even though he is likely to stick with David Beckham and Graeme Le Saux on the flanks and two defensively minded players, like Ince and David Batty, either side of Paul Gascoigne.

Adams, of course, will be the bulwark that Hoddle relies on to anchor a defence that is likely to come under the most intense pressure as Italy strive for the victory they need to take them past England to the top of the group.

"I have almost got two heads on me at the moment," Hoddle said, "because part of me is going to be worried this week about players getting injured and part of me is glad that people like Robbie and Tony and Teddy Sheringham are going to be getting more games under their belts."

"This is the first time that there has not been some other issue involved at the announcement of the squad and I hope it stays that way. If any of the run-up to the games could be plain sailing, then it would be this one."

"We are all in a positive frame of mind but we know what a hard game it is going to be. It is going to need a magnificent performance from us to get the result we need but I think we are capable of that."

It is almost certain however, that Langer wants to compete in Boston and, if successful, he would be making his tenth Ryder Cup appearance. He said that he would like to do the job at some time in the future — when it is held in Germany.

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perhaps — but two years from now is too soon. "I want to play in the match, not captain it," Langer said yesterday.

Ballesteros repeated that his decision to stand down from the captaincy is because he wants to have time to concentrate on his own golf and try to play in more Ryder Cups. "I am 100 per cent sure about giving up the captaincy," he said, "and the only reason is to concentrate on my game and regain my form."

"That is the only reason. I am playing better and I want to play in tournaments before the year is over. I have been

playing well these past few weeks. At the Lancome Trophy I played fantastic, but I did not have any luck. But I believe in leaving the door open to return as captain some time in the future."

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Makhtoum buy four  
classic prospects  
from Sangster



Darren Clarke, left, and Lee Westwood arrive in England yesterday with the Ryder Cup after Europe's success in Spain. Photograph: David Dyson

## Langer nominated as Europe captain

FROM JOHN HOPKINS  
GOLF CORRESPONDENT  
AT VALDERRAMA

BERNHARD LANGER was identified as the man whom Severiano Ballesteros believes should succeed him as Europe's next Ryder Cup captain and take the team to Boston in two years' time, when the Europeans will be trying for an unprecedented third successive victory against the United States.

"Bernard has been in the Ryder Cup many times," Ballesteros said yesterday, as he began to list Langer's credentials to be in charge at The Country Club, near Boston, in 1999. "He is a very special man. He has a great personality. He is never out of order. He is very experienced and very intelligent. He would do the job fantastically."

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decision." Schofield said. "There would be nothing better for Europe than he should regain his game and qualify for some future Ryder Cups. What he brought to the Ryder Cup was inspiration for the Europeans. Each player played an inch taller because of him. This week Seve was Arnold [Palmer] and Jack [Nicklaus] combined."

The next Ryder Cup Committee meeting is to be held in November and, if recent history is anything to go by, then a captain will be in place by early next year. At this meeting the format for selection for the next match will be settled, and it is likely that the world rankings will play a more important part in team selection for 1999.

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## Threat to tax lottery sports money provokes outrage

BY JOHN GOODBODY

MANLY Britain's Olympic competitors face being taxed on the money they are awarded from the National Lottery.

After months of consulting the Inland Revenue, the sports councils have sent out guidebooks warning athletes that they may face tax bills unless their sole income from sporting activities is the Lottery Sports Fund Subsistence Award, with its total budget of £50 million.

The booklet also advises disabled competitors that they risk losing their state benefits if they receive cash for living and training allowances.

The news yesterday created turmoil in British sport, with many organisations attacking the meanness of the Inland Revenue in considering further taxation and the cutting of benefits, when it has already taken 12 per cent in lottery duty on every ticket sold.

Simon Clegg, the chief executive of the British Olympic Association, said: "We had been hoping that the Treasury would look kindly on a blanket dispensation. It is of particular concern to us because the level of expectation for these grants was far greater than has transpired in any case."

"If they now take these

Revenue funding is not aimed at famous competitors such as Roger Black, who already command substantial fees through racing and sponsorship. It is for the sportsmen and women, including disabled competitors who may only receive a little money through local sponsorship and grants.

Parsons said: "A disabled competitor will have to think very carefully about losing their benefits. I would not wish that on anybody."

Wray Norton, the administration manager for Disability Sport, England, said: "From early on, this has always been seen as a potential problem and we should have got a definitive answer much earlier. Once you lose your disability benefit, you have to be assessed each time and it is very difficult to get back on the list. Disabled competitors are going to be very worried about this. I think it is disgraceful."

Nigel Hook, senior technical officer of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR), which represents the national governing bodies, said: "We think it is an outrage that the Treasury will double-tax money from the lottery."

## Llanelli verdict held over

THE board of European Rugby Cup Ltd has postponed until today its verdict on the violence that marred the first Heineken Cup meeting between Pau and Llanelli (David Hands writes).

A statement will be made this morning on the events of September 13 at the Stade du Hameau, but